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Paulino catching on?

Pirates catcher Ronny Paulino is getting some tips from a Bucco legend. **2B**

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It's not too early to make plans for your Easter ham, and Cindy Comet has a recipe for vegan chili. **7-8A**

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He may be portraying one of the Blues Brothers, but Ringgold grad Dan Drnach is very happy with his job at Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla. **3A**

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Washington landscaper Patrick Stollar was sentenced to die for the murder of Jean Heck. **3A**

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Look inside for valuable coupons worth more than $25.

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Wrestlers move on

Four BVA wrestlers and two Charleroi grapplers picked up victories in WPIAL tournaments Friday. **1B**

DEATHS

No new deaths have been reported. See obituaries on Page 4A.

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Today Cloudy, early snow 33°
Tonight Partly cloudy 16°

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MONDAY

Valley Weekend

Find out how Mid-Mon Valley residents spent their weekend.

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Cal sewage rates rising

Major increases stem from interest on $12 million loan for expansion project.

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CALIFORNIA — Sewage customers in the borough will have to put up with hefty service fee increases while council continues its mission to expand the system and try to help the customers handle paying for the cost.

Council is taking on a $12 million project that involves the installation of an interceptor line on Water Street, new lines that will serve about 50 customers in the Grandville area and on the western side of Pennsylvania Avenue, a new operations building and a new pump station for the existing sewage plant.

The next phase of the project will involve construction of a new plant that will almost double the system capacity to about 2 million gallons.

Because of the current work and the debt attached to it, customers recently began receiving considerably higher bills, mostly because council has not been able to secure grant money to support the project.

Sheila Chambers, chairwoman of the council's sewage committee, said she and her fellow council members have worked diligently in searching for state and federal grant money to help cut the cost.

But so far, the board has come up empty.

So the full cost to be passed on to the customers.

"When you borrow almost $12 million, that's a lot of interest," Chambers said. "There was nothing we could do. There is no money, because that giant sucking sound you hear is the war. There is very little money out there."

On average, residential customers will see their bills jump from $15 to $42 a month, based on minimum water usage.

The sewage bills only went up $5 a month. A $2 line service fee was also imposed.

But the bulk of the rate hike — a $20 a month increase — was necessary so council could handle

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U.S. taking diplomats out of Serbia

Embassies are on alert across the Balkans after Belgrade attack.

By MATTHEW LEE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON – The State Department on Friday ordered nonessential diplomats and the families of all American personnel at the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade to leave Serbia, following an attack on the compound.

The move, made at the request of U.S. Ambassador to Serbia Cameron Munter, came as U.S. diplomats across the Balkans went on alert, girding for more anti-American violence after Serb rioters stormed and torched the Belgrade embassy Thursday, causing as-yet undetermined damage and drawing fierce condemnation from Washington.

> "We are not sufficiently confident that they are safe here."
> Cameron Munter

"We are not sufficiently confident that they are safe here," Munter said in an interview in Belgrade.

A State Department official said 14 embassy employees were on the site when a mob attacked but that all American and local staff are safe. The charred body of one person found in the compound is believed to be that of a protester, spokesman Sean McCormack said.

Protests over the declaration of independence by the former Serbian province of Kosovo have increased tensions across the region. And new mass demonstrations are expected following recognition of Kosovo by the United States and other Western countries.

At the same time, third-ranking U.S. diplomat Nicholas Burns called on Serbia's main ally Russia to repudiate a suggestion by one of its officials that it may need to use military force to earn respect after the U.S. and other countries recognized the independence of Kosovo, which is mainly ethnic Albanian, over strong Serb and Russian protests.

"We strongly advise Russia to be more responsible in its public comments toward Kosovo," Burns said, responding to questions in an online written discussion. "Russia is isolated this week — very few countries are supporting its position."

Earlier, Russia's envoy to NATO, Dmitry Rogozin, said the move to recognize Kosovo was a "strategic mistake" and suggested that Moscow might "have to use brute military force" if the alliance expands its current peacekeeping operation in the territory.

The decision to implement what is known as an "ordered departure" at the Belgrade embassy will affect some of the between 80 and 100 Americans who work at the embassy, but it

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Season no longer perfect

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Silver medals provided little comfort for the Lady Greyhounds after they suffered their first lost of the season Friday in the WPIAL finals to Mt. Alvernia. From left are Christina Chukwuedo, Kelly Mornak, Jessica Beveridge and Samone Stepoli.

Obama attracting superdelegates

Democratic front-runner narrowing gap with this crucial constituency.

By STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
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WASHINGTON — The Democratic superdelegates are starting to follow the voters — straight to Barack Obama.

In just the past two weeks, more than two dozen of them have climbed aboard his presidential campaign, according to a survey by The Associated Press. At the same time, Hillary Rodham Clinton's are beginning to jump ship, abandoning her for Obama or deciding they now are undecided.

The result: He's narrowing her once-commanding lead among these "superdelegates," the Democratic office holders and party officials who automatically attend the national convention and can vote for whomever they choose.

As Obama has reeled off 11 straight primary victories, some of the superdelegates are having second — or third — thoughts about their public commitments.

Take John Perez, a Californian who first endorsed John Edwards and then backed Clinton. Now, he says, he is undecided.

"Given where the race is at right now, I think it's very important for us to play a role around bringing the party together around the candidate that people have chosen, as opposed to advocating for our own choice," he said in an interview.

Clinton still leads among superdelegates — 241 to 181, according to the AP survey. But her total is down two in the past two weeks, while Obama's is up 25. Since the primaries started, at least three Clinton superdelegates have switched to Obama, including Rep. David Scott of Georgia, who changed his endorsement after Obama won 80 percent of the primary vote in Scott's district. At least two other Clinton backers have switched to undecided.

None of Obama's have publicly strayed, according to the AP tally.

Barack Obama

There are nearly 800 Democratic superdelegates, making them an important force in a nomination race as close as this one. Both campaigns are furiously lobbying them.

"Holy buckets!" exclaimed Audra Ostergard of Nebraska. "Michelle Obama and I are playing phone tag."

Billi Gosh, a Vermont superdelegate who backs Clinton, got a phone call from the candidate herself this week.

"As superdelegates, we have the opportunity to change our mind, so she's just connecting with me," Gosh said. "I couldn't believe she was able to fit in calls like that to her incredibly busy schedule."

In Utah, two Clinton superdelegates said they continue to support the New York senator — for now.

"We'll see what happens," said Karen Hale. Likewise, fellow superdelegate Helen Langan said,

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Officer dies in Clinton motorcade

Dallas senior corporal killed in motorcycle crash.

By SCHUYLER DIXON
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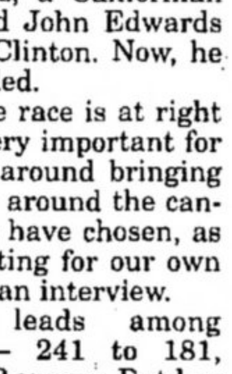
DALLAS — A police motorcycle officer died after a crash while escorting Hillary Rodham Clinton's motorcade to a campaign rally.

"We are just heartsick at this loss of life in the line of duty," a subdued Clinton told reporters after the Dallas rally.

The New York senator and Democratic presidential candidate canceled her next appearance in Fort Worth, Texas, telling about 2,000 people who had gathered outside the Tarrant County courthouse that it would be inappropriate to campaign in the wake of the officer's death.

Instead, she went to Methodist Medical Center, where she planned to visit with the officer's family.



Tirado

"It is important that we respect and appreciate their service," she said. "I certainly am grateful for all they do for me."

Senior Corporal Victor Lozada Tirado died after apparently crashing into a concrete barrier along a viaduct near downtown Dallas, said Lt. Vernon Hale, a police spokesman. Aerial video showed wreckage scattered for several yards.

The officer was in the rear of the motorcade, following it as it took a turn not far from Dealey Plaza, where John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963.

Asked if police had enough lead time to plan a safe route, Hale said, "It doesn't matter with our guys. They've been doing this so long. Of course, we already had one tragedy in Dallas."

Lozada joined the Dallas police force in December 1988. He was married with four children, two boys and two girls.

VALLEY PEOPLE

Obama (FROM PAGE ONE)

"We'll see."

Other supporters are more steadfast. "She's still in the race, isn't she? So I'm still supporting her," said Belinda Biafore, a superdelegate from West Virginia.

Obama has piled up the most victories in primaries and caucuses, giving him the overall lead in delegates, 1,362 to 1,266.5. Clinton's half delegate came from the global primary sponsored by the Democrats Abroad.

It will take 2,025 delegates to secure the nomination at this summer's national convention in Denver. If Clinton and Obama continue to split delegates in elections, neither will reach the mark without support from the superdelegates.

That has the campaigns fighting over the proper role for superdelegates, who can support any candidate they want. Obama argues it would be unfair for them to go against the outcome of the primaries and caucuses.

"I think it is important, given how hard Senator Clinton and I have been working, that these primaries and caucuses count for something," Obama said during Thursday night's debate in Austin, Texas.

Clinton argues that superdelegates should exercise independent judgment.

"These are the rules that are followed, and you know, I think that it will sort itself out," she said during the debate. "We will have a nominee, and we will have a unified Democratic Party, and we will go on to victory in November."

Behind the scenes, things can get sticky.

David Cicilline, the mayor of Providence, R.I., indicated this week that his support for Clinton might be wavering after — he contended — members of her campaign urged him to cave to the demands of a local firefighters union ahead of her weekend appearance there. The firefighters, in a long-running contract dispute with Cicilline, have said they would disrupt any Clinton event the mayor attends. A Clinton spokeswoman said the campaign would never interfere in the mayor's city decisions.

Obama has been helped by recent endorsements from several labor unions, including the Teamsters on Wednesday.

"He's our guy," said Sonny Nardi, an Ohio superdelegate and the president of Teamsters Local 416 in Cleveland.

The Democratic Party has named about 720 of its 795 superdelegates. The remainder will be chosen at state party conventions in the spring. AP reporters have interviewed 95 percent of the named delegates, with the most recent round of interviews taking place this week.

Yesteryear

Displaying their patriotic feelings during World War II are, from left, Carmie Stringhill, Freddy Stringhill, Leonard Stringhill and Joe Stringhill, of North Belle Vernon. The photo, taken in the 1940s, is from the family collection of Melanie Patterson, of Washington Township. Freddy Stringhill, who was serving in the military at the time, was her uncle and the children are her cousins.

If you have a good old-time photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Man gets 28 years in investment scam

$190 million fraud bilked 1,800 victims, mostly elderly.

By GREG RISLING
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — An 81-year-old man was sentenced to 28 years in prison Friday in an investment scam that prosecutors say seeped across half the country and bilked 1,800 people, many of them elderly, of about $190 million.

John Heath, who was convicted last month alongside his son Daniel Heath and another man, also was ordered to pay $117 million in restitution to the clients who invested directly through him.

He dabbed at his eyes during the hearing and left court in a wheelchair.

Jurors found the three guilty of running a Ponzi scheme that funneled money from new investors to pay off people who had already pumped in cash. John Heath was convicted on 52 counts including grand theft, selling false securities and theft from the elderly.

About 100 letters from victims were sent to the Riverside County Superior Court, and about a dozen of them were read to Judge Ronald Taylor, said Ingrid Wyatt, a spokeswoman for the district attorney's office. The notes talked about how the victims' lives had been affected after learning their investments with Daniel W. Heath & Associates had been lost.

Some of Heath's adult children spoke at the hearing, pleading for leniency for their father. Heath's attorney, Chad Firetag, asked the judge for probation, citing his client's age and failing health. Firetag has said the elder Heath wasn't aware of the scam and had enough trust in his son that he plowed his own commissions back into the investments.

Prosecutors said the company ran a scam dating back to the early 1990s that promised clients their money would go into fixed investments with little or no risk. Instead, it went to money-losing real estate and small business projects controlled by the company that had offices across Southern California.

Investors have had some money returned, but a court-appointed receiver said they will get only about 22 cents on every dollar.

Company president Daniel W. Heath, 51, was convicted of nearly 400 counts and could face up to 100 years in prison. A former business associate, Denis O'Brien, 53, could face up to 30 years in prison. Both men are to be sentenced in the coming weeks.

Another business associate, Larre Schlarmann, is serving a 15-year prison term after pleading guilty in 2005 to money laundering and fraud for his involvement in the scheme.

Weather

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 35 Low 22	High 38 Low 33	High 42 Low 22	High 32 Low 15	High 28 Low 15

Sewage (FROM PAGE ONE)

the debt service payments.

The 50 new customers that are currently being added to the system will pay $1,500 tap-in fees when they connect.

Council secured a $6.8 million loan for the project from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority.

PennVEST is a state agency that provides grants and low interest loans for municipal and waste water projects.

The board will pay back the loan at 1 1/2 percent interest for 25 years.

Council floated bonds to cover the balance of the cost.

Chambers said council was hoping to tap into an $8 million slots revenue allocation that is being disbursed by the Washington County Commissioners.

But when the county commissioners announced Wednesday who will get the money, California Borough was not on the list.

"I was over there begging for money from them," Chambers said.

The councilwoman said would not relent in looking for grants.

"I'm going out begging, borrowing, whatever it takes," Chambers said. "But everybody is feeding from the same trough."

Chambers said it was imperative to upgrade the borough's system, which is more than 50 years old.

She said the state would eventually have ordered that council have the work done.

"We are not mandated yet, fortunately. Sometimes, when you know you're getting close, you better do something before the mandate," she said.

Chambers said the customers are going to have to be patient and continue hoping that grant money becomes available.

"We're going to have to go through our first year to see how this works out," she said. "People are, for the most part, understanding that we are an old town and we have to do something about our infrastructure. At the end of the year, we're going to go back and really assess what we have to do."

About five years ago, the borough's system was separated to handle storm water and waste water individually.

The current project, which is expected to begin next month, is the next step toward improving the system and preparing the area for future growth.

Landlord Tim Erdely, of Perryopolis, is one borough businessman being hit hard financially by the project.

Erdely said he was shocked when he found his sewage bill was increasing almost six fold after doing business in the borough for 15 years.

He said his cost for housing 11 tenants will jump from $1,200 to about $6,700 a year.

> "I'm going out begging, borrowing, whatever it takes. But everybody is feeding from the same trough."
>
> Sheila Chambers

"I almost fell over. I thought it was a mistake," Erdely said of receiving his latest bill. "I found out what was going on and that it was no mistake.

"That's a lot of money to come up with every month. We knew it was going to go up, but no one realized it was going to go up this much. I'd have to raise my tenants' rent at least $50 to $60 a month, if you're paying $400 a month. I don't know of anybody that has a sewage rate as much as this."

Council President Jon Bittner said some landlords will pay more because they are now being billed per occupancy unit.

"A lot of these places that have multi-dwellings were only paying one sewage fee. Now, they're going to start paying, in my mind what I feel is the fair share, which is for multiple units," he said. "I think everyone is going to have to come up and pay their fair share. If you have multi-unit dwellings, that's the way it's going to have to be.

"I know it's not that popular of a stand with these people, but that's the way it's going to be."

Bittner said it has been frustrating for council to be turned down on its many grant requests.

"Everybody is out there with their hands out," he said. "That's exactly what we're running up against. Everybody is in the same boat we are, and they're competitive, and we weren't successful this time around."

Bittner said he is surprised council has been unsuccessful in attaining grants, especially because the borough is home to California University of Pennsylvania.

"We see all the other communities around getting it," he said. "I think California should have a tiny bit more clout because we are servicing one of the state universities."

Bittner said he and council are well aware that there are many elderly residents and others on low income that need help in affording the sewage system improvements.

"We're really concerned with that person that has the small income per month," he said. "We know it's going to impact them and we're going to try to do our darnedest to see if we can keep it to the bare minimum."

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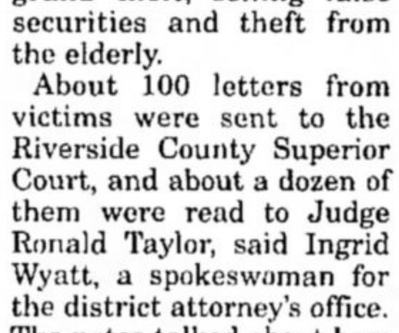

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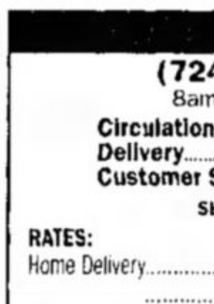

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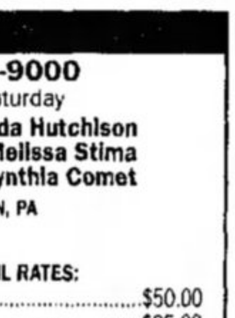

Serbia (FROM PAGE ONE)

was not clear how many of them or how many family members would be affected by the order.

White House spokesman Scott Stanzel said the Bush administration believes the attack on the embassy in Belgrade was "conducted by hooligans and thugs."

"We don't believe that this is the face that Serbia wants to present to the world, and we quite frankly don't believe that this is the face of Serbia," Stanzel said. "We want to continue to work to integrate Serbia into European institutions."

American embassies in Serbia and at least three other former Yugoslav republics stepped up security, ordering diplomats to stay home or limit their movements and warning Americans to use extreme caution outside.

"American citizens are urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations and to exercise extreme caution," the embassy said in a notice to Americans in Serbia.

Several other embassies in Belgrade as well as a McDonald's restaurant were attacked by mobs on Thursday after a massive protest against Kosovo independence, and the warning noted that private businesses and organizations affiliated with the United States might also become targets for protesters.

"U.S. citizens are urged to avoid large crowds, maintain a low profile and review their personal protective measures," the embassy said, adding that it would also be closed on Monday.

In Podgorica, the capital of neighboring Montenegro, which was once joined with Serbia, the U.S. Embassy and international school shut down ahead of a mass protest that it is feared could lead to violence, and the embassy warned of vandalism against U.S. citizens and their property.

In Bosnia, the U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo told diplomats to defer travel until further notice to the city of Banja Luka, where protesters on Thursday hurled rocks and stones at the U.S. Embassy branch.

In Kosovo itself, the State Department advised U.S. citizens against any travel to the northern part of the new country, where ethnic Serbs predominate.

In Greece and Austria, both of which have significant Serb populations, the U.S. embassies in Athens and Vienna warned of potential violence during planned weekend demonstrations against Kosovo's declaration of independence.

Valley briefs

Two injured in separate accidents

The wintry weather is being blamed for at least two accidents on local roads Thursday night and Friday.

At 9:10 p.m. Thursday on I-70 West in North Belle Vernon, three vehicles were involved in a crash.

A car driven by Kellie Kostelac of Charleroi struck the guide rail, crossed both lanes of the highway and struck the concrete barrier. Monica Liming Hu of Hillsborough was unable to avoid Kostelac's car and the two vehicles collided in the left lane. Liming Hu's car then struck a car operated by Erik Maglas of Washington in the right lane, state police said.

Kostelac was transported by ambulance to Mon Valley Hospital.

The I-70 westbound lanes were closed for about 45 minutes.

In Long Branch, Karen O'Black of Belle Vernon was injured when she lost control of her car at 9:05 a.m. Friday on Dally Road.

Southwest Regional police said her SUV slid out of control near Chestnut Street and struck a tree.

O'Black was transported to Jefferson Regional Hospital. Roscoe firefighters assisted at the scene.

4th Superdelegate endorses Obama

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) _ A fourth Pennsylvania superdelegate has endorsed Barack Obama for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Leon Lynch, a retired vice president of the Steelworkers union from Pittsburgh, announced his endorsement in a statement released by the Illinois senator's campaign.

In the statement, Lynch says Obama is the only candidate he's met capable of motivating and leading the American people in a new direction.

Obama has previously been endorsed by three other Pennsylvania superdelegates.

Thirteen have endorsed Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York and the other nine selected so far remain neutral.A Fayette County man will spend up to 30 years in prison following his conviction on rape and sex assault charges.

Normalville man sentenced in sex case

James Scott Nicholson, 43, of Normalville has been sentenced to 13 1/2 to 30 years in state prison.

Nicholson forced a 19-year-old woman to have sexual intercourse with him on Aug. 17 at a location off Connor Road in Saltlick Township, according to a police affidavit.

Police said the two had gone to a truck pull in Somerset County. As they were driving home, Nicholson offered the woman $700 to have sex with him, then sexually assaulted her when she declined.

Nicholson is listed as a sex offender on the state's Megan's Law registry. Court records show he pleaded guilty to indecent assault in a case involving a juvenile victim in 1996.

Judge John F. Wagner Jr. imposed the sentence earlier this month, after Nicholson's conviction at trial.

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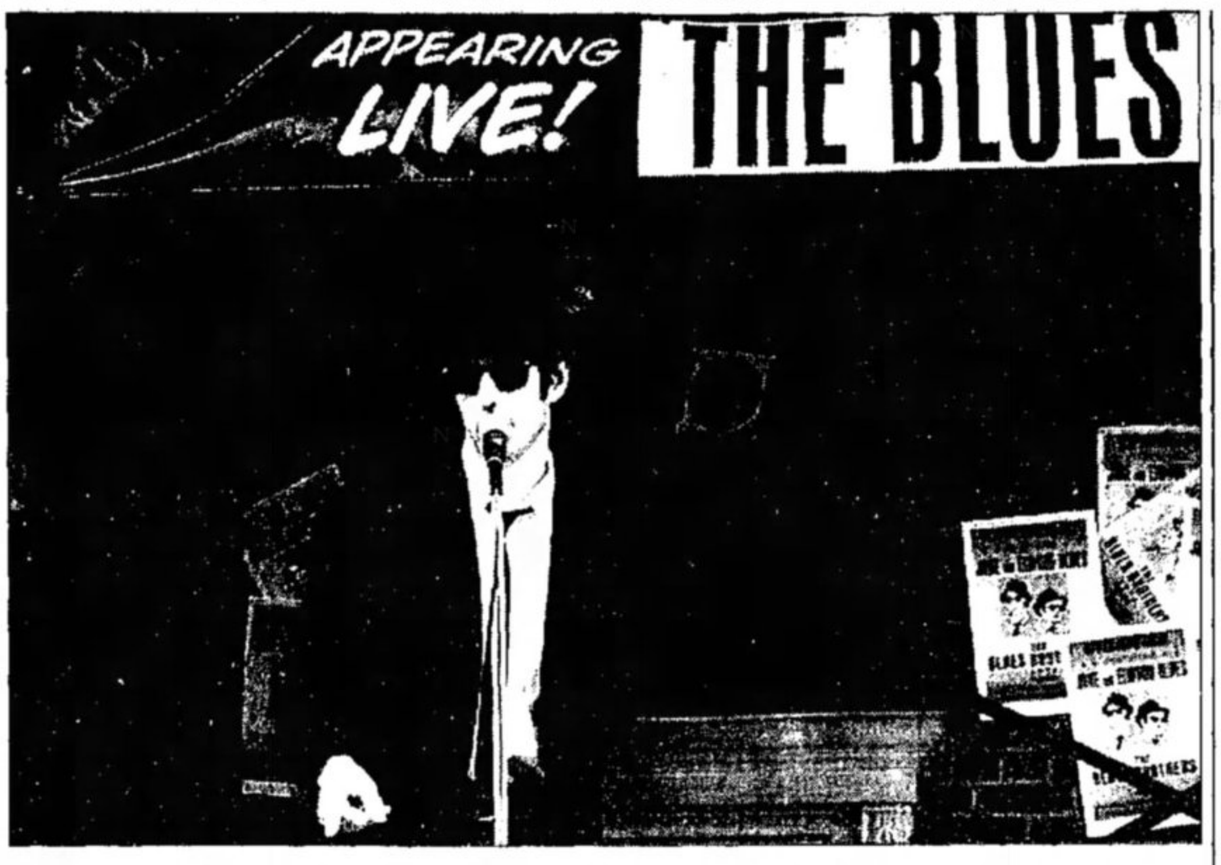

Ringgold High School graduate Dan Drnach is living his childhood dream at Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla., where he is a full-time musician and entertainer. He's shown here portraying "Elwood" of "The Blues Brothers."

Ringgold grad living dream by getting paid to perform

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ex parts
A weekly look at people who left the Valley

When Dan Drnach was just 14, he told his family he wanted to make money playing the guitar.

Not long after his 19th birthday, he called his dad from Florida.

"I told him I just got paid and all I've done is play guitar," he said.

Drnach

Drnach, a 1999 Ringgold High School graduate, is living his childhood dream at Universal Studios, Orlando, where he is a full-time musician and entertainer.

He portrays "Elwood Blues" of "The Blues Brothers" at Universal Studios, as well as other characters.

Drnach, 26, son of Linda and Daniel Drnach, of Donora, got his first taste of performing during musicals and plays at Ringgold.

"I always knew that I wanted somehow to be performing on stage," he said.

After graduating from high school, he moved to Florida, and stayed with his grandparents while he looked for a job.

He landed a job singing and playing guitar at Busch Gardens in Tampa.

He worked at the amusement park for five years and met his girlfriend, Raney Delp.

The couple decided to move to Orlando so she could accept a job as a culinary manager at SeaWorld.

That's when he decided to audition for a job at Universal Studios in 2005.

Drnach said he was excited to have the opportunity to play one-half of "The Blues Brothers." Elwood Blues was portrayed by Dan Akroyd in the 1980 musical comedy.

Although he is much younger than the music he sings, Drnach said he has always been a fan of the blues and songs from his parents' generation.

"I credit my music taste to my dad," he said."I grew up listening to his music and my favorite band is 'The Who.'"

Drnach said the amusement park stages five shows per day, seven days per week. Although he doesn't perform every day, he said that the cast has to train and rehearse long hours for their shows.

He has also played Shaggy from the Scooby-Doo cartoon and a werewolf character during the Halloween season.

He admits sometimes his job gets a little monotonous, but he says they must perform top-notch all the time as the park hosts thousands of people daily from around the world.

When he's not performing at Universal Studios, Drnach performs in a Blues Brothers tribute band, called "Beyond Belushi."

Although life is good, he says he misses his hometown, especially the changing seasons.

"It's too hot here and I miss the landscape (of the Mid-Mon Valley)," he said.

"It's too flat," he said of the Sunshine State.

"But most importantly, I miss my family."

Drnach is in Donora this weekend, visiting his family, which includes his sister, Amy Bader, and her children, Sam, 2, and Lucy, 5-months old, of Philadelphia, and his grandparents, Joseph and Margaret Drnach, of Clairton, and Richard and Penny Wright, of Florida, formerly of Monongahela, who provided a place for him to stay when he decided to move there.

"I'm looking forward to coming home and seeing everyone," he said from Florida at mid-week.

Death sentence for Washington landscaper

Patrick Jason Stollar was convicted of stabbing Upper St. Clair woman to death.

PITTSBURGH (AP) _ A landscaper convicted of robbing and killing an elderly Allegheny County woman in June 2003 was sentenced to death on Friday.

Jurors deliberated for about six hours before deciding that Patrick Jason Stollar, 29, of Washington, Pa., should die by lethal injection for stabbing Jean Heck, 78, to death at her Upper St. Clair home outside Pittsburgh.

The same jury took just 40 minutes Wednesday to reject Stollar's defense that he was mentally impaired at the time and found him guilty of first-degree murder.

Prosecutors said Stollar attacked Heck when she told him she didn't need him to do any more landscaping work. Stollar represented himself during the trial but was assisted by court-appointed attorney James DePasquale during the penalty phase.

DePasquale said that had he represented Stollar throughout, the defendant would have pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and gone directly to the penalty phase.

"The thing about Patrick Stollar's type of mental illness is, the only people who care about it is your mother and your brother," DePasquale said. "For everybody else, he's nothing but a jerk."

Heck died of strangulation and stab wounds. In a taped confession played for jurors, Stollar told investigators that he kicked Heck's face and stomped on her head.

"I think Patrick Stollar leaving the impression of his work boot on Jean Heck's face, I just think that image spoke volumes and it spoke more eloquently than anything I could say in my closing," Deputy District Attorney Mark Tranquilli said.

Heck's daughter, Andrea Kostella, said the family was "incredibly happy" with the verdict.

"I feel the jury really paid my mother final tribute when they rendered this verdict of death," she said.

Estranged wife charged in fatal stabbing in Trafford

Tribune-Review News Service

A Trafford man implicated his estranged wife in a call to 911 as he was bleeding to death from a stab wound on the couple's 25th wedding anniversary last year, according to evidence presented at a preliminary hearing Thursday.

After the hearing, Penn Township District Judge Helen Kistler ordered Deborah Shawley, 43, of 1208 Electric Ave., East Pittsburgh, held for trial on a charge of criminal homicide in the Oct. 23 death of Robert Shawley, 52, of 316 Duquesne Ave.

A tape of Robert Shawley's call to 911 was played in the courtroom yesterday, which was packed with friends and family members of both the defendant and the victim. Some put their heads down and wept as the 911 call Robert Shawley made from his home was played.

"I need to go to the hospital real quick. I've been stabbed and I'm bleeding real bad," Shawley said. "Somebody stabbed me with a knife and I'm bleeding real bad.

"It was my estranged wife," Shawley said. "She stabbed me with a knife and ran out the door."

Robert Shawley was pronounced dead later that night at Forbes Regional Hospital in Monroeville. Westmoreland County Detective Frank Galilei testified that the cause of Shawley's death – as ruled by forensic pathologist Cyril H. Wecht – was homicide caused by a single stab wound to his right shoulder and chest area.

Shawley's arraignment is scheduled for April 18. She remains in Westmoreland County Prison.

Police: Man with bombs threatened state trooper

Dana McCall was cited by the officer for a minor crime two years ago.

By JOE MANDAK
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH – A man who allegedly played violent recordings over the phone to a state trooper was accused of stockpiling materials to make bombs and having instructions on bomb making, booby traps and poisoning devices.

Dana D. McCall, 58, threatened to harm the trooper, apparently because the officer cited McCall for a minor crime two years ago, state police said in announcing his arrest Friday.

McCall was arrested Wednesday when state and federal agents raided his home in Ashland Township, about 60 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

Authorities found bomb-making material, including 18 containers of black powder, 90 feet of detonating fuse, an empty hand grenade and 32 metal pipe bomb-like devices, according to a 12-page criminal complaint. Literature on bombs, booby traps and devices used to deliver poison were also found, the complaint said.

State police and agents with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives got a warrant to search McCall's house after they traced seven calls from his cell phone to the trooper's home between Feb. 4 and Tuesday.

During three of the calls, sound from a prerecorded movie clip was played that included language about "relentless, excruciating pain," the sound of gunfire and dialogue about killing a police officer, the complaint said. The trooper, who works at the Clarion barracks, is married with two small children.

Nobody answered the telephone at McCall's residence Friday. His attorney, John F. Marshall, declined to comment on the charges, but said he planned to ask that a preliminary hearing scheduled for Feb. 26 be postponed.

Jamie LeVier, a state police spokesman, would not detail McCall's alleged dealings with the trooper, but online court records show the trooper had cited McCall for criminal mischief for damaging property in 2006. McCall was found guilty and fined $275.

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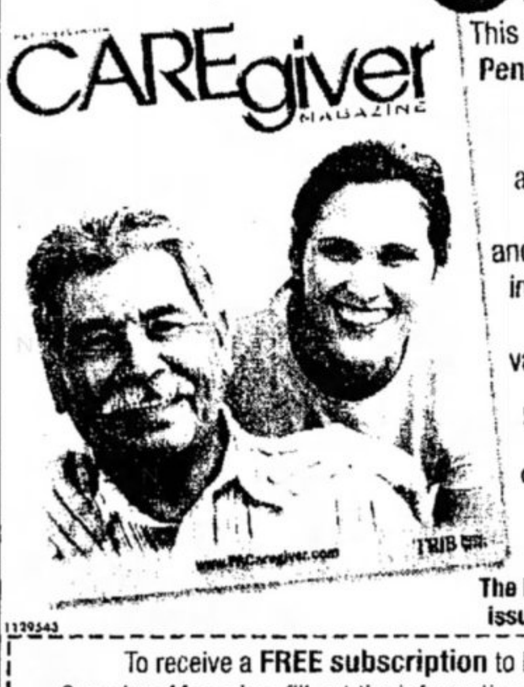

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RECORDS

DEATH NOTICES

INDORANTE — Angela Indorante, 92, of Charleroi, on Thursday, Feb. 21. Carl J. Spallino Funeral Home, Charleroi.*

ROSMI — Virginia Rosmi, 85, of North Charleroi, on Monday, Feb. 18. Carl J. Spallino Funeral Home, Charleroi.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
CHURNING, Dannie R.*
* See **death notice**

Dannie R. Churning
Belle Vernon

Dannie R. Churning, 69, of Belle Vernon, died Wednesday, February 20, 2008, in Monongahela Valley Hospital. He was born Friday, January 6, 1939, in Wichita, Kan., a son of the late Theodore Churning and Ruth Rutledge Chunkala. Funeral services were held this morning, Saturday, February 23, at 11 a.m. in the MILLIKEN and THROCKMORTON FUNERAL HOME INC., Parvis L. Throckmorton, owner/director, 197 North Maiden St., Waynesburg. Celebrant was the Rev. John Phipps. Burial was in Phillips Cemetery, Wayne Township, Greene County. Information on-line at www.milliken-throckmorton.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Angela Indorante
Charleroi

Angela "Julia" Indorante, 92, of Charleroi, died Thursday, February 21, 2008, in Havencrest Nursing Center. She was born July 2, 1915, in Monessen, a daughter of the late George and Angelina Alfronti Savarino. She was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish of Charleroi. Surviving is one brother and sister, James A. Savarino and Mary Shaffer, both of Belle Vernon; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Salvatore "Sam" Indorante; three sisters, Rose DiCarlo, Jennie Dalfonso and Josephine Seese; and three brothers, Domenick, Mario and Joseph Savarino. Friends will be received in the CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME, 819 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, on Sunday, February 24, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, February 25, at 1 p.m. in Mary, Mother of the Church with the Rev. David F. Dzermejko, her pastor, officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Virginia Rosmi
North Charleroi

Virginia Rosmi, 85, of North Charleroi, died Monday, February 18, 2008, in Meadowcrest Nursing Center, Bethel Park. She was born December 23, 1922, in Renton, a daughter of the late Romeo and Clara Piccarilla Rosmi. She was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish of Charleroi. Virginia was retired as a medical transcriptionist at Mon Valley Hospital. Surviving are two sisters, Erma Sandstrom, of Belvidere, Ill., and Onerina Rallo, of Rockford, Ill.; and two nieces, one nephew, three great-nephews and one great-niece. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Rita Sulla. Friends will be received in the CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME, 819 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, on Sunday, February 24, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, February 25, at 10:30 a.m. in Mary, Mother of the Church with her pastor, the Rev. David F. Dzermejko, officiating. Interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery.

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Carroll Township loses out on slots revnue

Ten homes along Hazelkirk Road have tapped into CTA system.

CARROLL TOWNSHIP – The Carroll Township Sewage Authority was among those organizations left off the list of projects recommended for the first installment of slots revenue.

The authority's application, filed through the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington Local Share Account was for $850,000. The money would have funded construction of a flow equalization tank in the Dry Run service area.

During its meeting Thursday, authority board members said they were disappointed that it did not meet the approval of the local share committee. The proposed project would have provided for economic growth in the Mon/Fayette Expressway corridor, including the interchange on Route 136, and future expansion of the Ringgold Campus. In addition, it would have provided economic savings to all Carroll residents in the form of lower overrun charges from the Monongahela.

General Manager Ray Colosimo told the board just 4 percent of the $8 million approved was awarded to sewage projects.

In other news, Colosimo reported that 10 of the 18 homes involved in the sanitary sewer extension along Hazelkirk Road have tapped into the system. The $146,400 project was funded in part by a $50,000 Department of Community and economic Development grant, acquired through Sen. J. Barry Stout's office, as well as $49,400 in matching funds in the form of a Block Grant from the Washington County Redevelopment Authority County. Property owners were not assessed any fee.

A $40,355 contract was signed with Dennis Fleecher Contracting, Inc., of Cecil Township, to replace the original 17 steel access doors on the authority's 14 pump stations.

The board approved a purchase of a new billing & collection program with 3D Development. The $7,500 program will replace the post card bills. The same billing software is now operated by the Rostraver Township Sewage Authority.

Meanwhile, it was announced that the board chairman Rich Kuppelweiser and Colosimo will attend a Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities continuing education management seminar on March 5 in Cranberry Township.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

Joseph Dalfonso, Monessen

The following people appeared for preliminary hearings Friday before Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso, Monessen:

■ Canden E. Duvall, 26, 425 Weddell Drive, Belle Vernon; charged with simple assault for allegedly beating Paul Zuro outside of the Russian Club in Pricedale on Dec. 19. The case was held for court.

A co-defendant, Chris J. Hutchinson, 25, of 513 Salem Church Road, Belle Vernon, waived his right to a preliminary hearing.

He was charged with simple assault for allegedly grabbing Zuro from behind and holding him in a choking grasp while Duvall punched him in the face.

■ Kimberly Slavik, 41, of 422 Second St., Monessen; charged with simple assault, recklessly endangering another person, open lewdness and disorderly conduct following two incidents Dec. 31.

She is accused of attacking Michael Slavik and causing him hand injuries that required treatment in the Mon Valley Hospital emergency room.

After that alleged incident, she was arrested at City Park for allegedly engaging in sex acts with Keion Kelley and another male juvenile.

She waived her right to a preliminary hearing on both cases.

Kelley, 19, of 478 McKee Ave., Monessen was also charged with open lewdness for the alleged City Park incident. The charge was waived to court.

In a separate case, Michael Slavik, 49, of 422 Second St., Monessen, was charged with simple assault Jan. 9 for allegedly punching his wife, Kimberly Slavik, in the face. The charge was withdrawn.

■ Loverta Q. Miller, 51, of 858 Thompson Ave., Donora; charged with theft by deception at the Rostraver Beauty Salon. She is accused of paying for salon services with a $1,100 check from a closed account. The case was waived to court.

■ Robert J. Cumer, 23, of 128 Meadowview Ave., Canonsburg; charged with false alarms to organizations of public safety, disorderly conduct and criminal mischief Feb. 2 at the Rostraver Apartments; charges were waived to court.

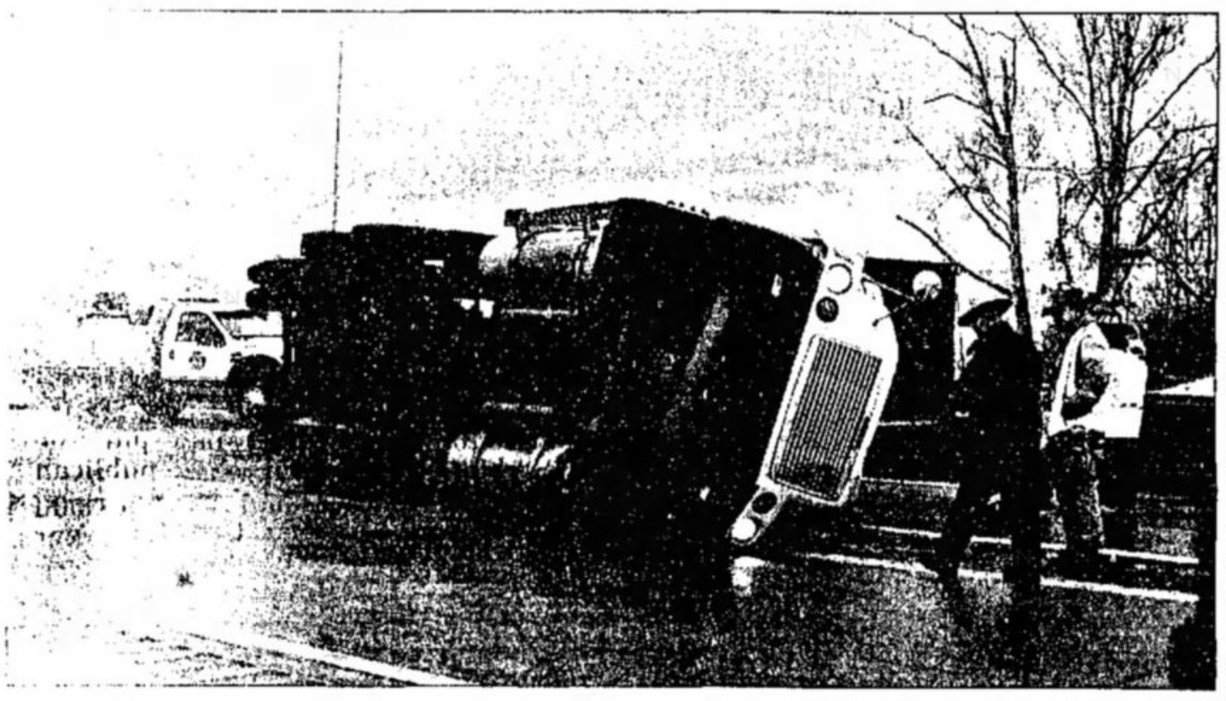
■ April Johnston, 19, of 7 Family Lane, Asheville, N.C.; charged with possession of drug paraphernalia Feb. 14 on Tyrol Boulevard. The case was waived to court.

■ Nichole Deak, 25, of 208 S. 18th St., West Newton; charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and theft Jan. 12 at 1238 McMahon Ave., Monessen; charges were waived to court.

■ Joshua Gazdik, 30, of 225 Shawnee Ave., Monessen; charged with burglary, theft and criminal mischief Aug. 9 at Altomare Service Center, 1806 Schoonmaker Ave., Monessen; charges were waived to court.

Jesse Cramer, Belle Vernon

■ Robert E. Welch, 29, of 122 Nagy St., Washington Township, was recently ordered held for court on charges of two counts of aggravated assault, and one count each simple assault, reckless endangerment, reckless driving, speeding and accidents involving death or injury, following a hearing before Magisterial District Judge Jesse Cramer in Belle Vernon.



Wayne E. Ray/For The Valley Independent

Interstate 70 in Fallowfield Township was closed briefly Friday morning following a tractor-trailer crash. The westbound lanes were closed shortly after the 11 a.m. accident near the off-ramp of Route 43. The driver of the rig, whose name was not available, was transported to Mon Valley Hospital for treatment. State police, Fallowfield Township police and firefighters responded to the scene. No other information was available.

Wecht: Single gunshot wound killed 12-year-old Michael Ellerbe

Forensic pathologist testified as expert witness in federal court.

By DEBRA ERDLEY
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PITTSBURGH – Michael Ellerbe died of a single gunshot wound to the back that severed his spinal cord, exited his chest and grazed his left arm as he ran from state police in Uptown, according to Dr. Cyril H. Wecht.

The 12-year-old boy would have been conscious for 30 to 45 seconds and aware that something terrible had happened as his life slipped away on Dec. 24, 2002, Wecht told a jury in federal court on Friday.

The noted forensic pathologist and former Allegheny County coroner, who himself is on trial for public corruption, testified as an expert witness for the state police in the civil rights trial of two state troopers accused of shooting the Uptown boy as he fled in a stolen SUV.

Troopers Juan Curry and Samuel Nassan, who were cleared of criminal responsibility in a coroner's inquest in 2003, have testified that Curry's gun discharged accidentally as he fell while scaling a fence during the chase. Nassan, who heard the shot and saw Curry fall, thought his partner had been shot and fired on Ellerbe.

Ellerbe's father, Michael Hickenbottom, is seeking damages in the civil rights wrongful death case before U.S. District Court Judge Joy Flowers Conti.

Michigan civil rights lawyer Geoffrey Fieger, representing the family, has repeatedly attacked the police version of the shooting, suggesting that a second bullet caused the wound on Ellerbe's arm.

Wecht discredited that theory. As jurors gazed at the autopsy photos, Wecht pointed out that the small scrape on Ellerbe's left arm was directly in line with the exit wound on his chest.

But under cross-examination from Fieger, Wecht said it's likely Ellerbe's arm was moving when he was shot.

Police have said Ellerbe repeatedly refused commands to show his hands as he ran.

Wecht said Ellerbe bled to death as a result of the wound that shattered his aortic and pulmonary arteries and severed his spinal cord. He estimated Ellerbe would have remained conscious for 30 to 45 seconds, and would have died within 4 to 6 minutes.

"Terrible, yes, that's a word you could use," Wecht said, responding to Fieger's questions about Ellerbe's state of awareness.

Wecht was the second of two expert witnesses who testified yesterday.

Retired Michigan State Trooper David E. Balash, a crime scene specialist and ballistics expert, testified for Ellerbe's family.

Balash disputed police statements about the incident. He said the location of the cartridges expelled from the trooper's guns did not match the statements police gave about where they were when the shooting occurred.

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... of our beloved wife, ... & grandmother, ... who passed away ... February 24, 2005
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In memory of my son, Larry Trussa, who died eleven years ago, February 23, 1997.
Your life is a beautiful memory, your death is a silent grief. You sleep in God's beautiful garden in the sunshine of perfect peace.
Deeply loved and never forgotten by Mom, wife Beth, sisters LuAnn & Lynn, brother Larry & Families

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Peter (Mike) Kopena
In loving memory of our beloved husband & father, who passed away 1 year ago, February 24, 2007.
As we loved you, so we miss you, in our hearts you are ever near. Loved, remembered, longed for always, bringing many a silent tear.
Sadly missed by wife Virginia & daughter Sheila

Pa. urges struggling homeowners to seek help to avoid foreclosure

Those with adjustable-rate mortgages should call their lenders ASAP.

By MARC LEVY
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG, Pa. – Nearly 25,000 Pennsylvania homeowners will face higher home payments in 2008, according to state banking regulators who urged people to seek help if they have adjustable-rate mortgages they cannot afford.

Homeowners with adjustable-rate mortgages should call their lender as soon as possible to determine whether their interest rate will increase — and, if so, by how much, state Banking Department officials said Friday.

Lenders typically say they will try to rework the loan terms, but many people who end up in foreclosure have not sought such help, officials said.

"A lot of people avoid calling the bank or the lender because they don't trust them. They think the bank is just trying to take their house," department spokesman Daniel Egan said.

But banks and other lenders also have a lot at stake in avoiding foreclosures, he said.

"They want to avoid foreclosures as much as the borrower," Egan said. "They don't want a bunch of properties on their hands in a weak real estate market."

Responsible banks and lenders will work out a payment plan, said Daniel J. Reisteter of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association.

Homeowners who do not know what to say to their lender can call the department's consumer services division, 800-PA-BANKS. The state also has programs to help homeowners avoid foreclosure, including the Homeowners' Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program, Refinance to an Affordable Loan and the Homeowner Equity Recover Opportunity.

In Pennsylvania last year, there were 34,089 foreclosures, or one in every 159 of the state's 5.25 million households. That figure dropped from 38,333 foreclosures in 2006, but was well above the 28,650 in 2005, according to statistics from RealtyTrac Inc. in Irvine, Calif.

The percentage of households affected was highest in Philadelphia, at 0.86 percent. Lawrence, Dauphin, Westmoreland and Beaver counties rounded out the top five.

This year, more adjustable-rate mortgages will reset to higher interest rates than occurred last year, meaning more people could be facing a fight to keep their home, Egan said.

However, struggling homeowners may have a more difficult time refinancing to a more stable fixed-rate mortgage since credit markets worldwide seized up last year. In addition, federal officials have encouraged banks to adopt more conservative lending practices in the aftermath of the soaring mortgage defaults that led to the credit crunch.

Earlier this month, the federal government and six of the nation's largest mortgage lenders announced Project Lifeline, a plan to allow extremely overdue homeowners to suspend foreclosures for 30 days while lenders try to find more affordable loan terms.

The six lenders — Bank of America Corp., Citigroup Inc., Countrywide Financial Corp., JPMorgan Chase & Co., Washington Mutual Inc. and Wells Fargo & Co. — also formed the Hope Now effort last year to freeze rates on some high-cost subprime mortgages for five years to help borrowers whose low initial rates are surging.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Feb. 23, the 54th day of 2008. There are 312 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Feb. 23, 1945, during World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima captured Mount Suribachi, where they raised the American flag.

On this date:

■ In 1633, English diarist Samuel Pepys was born in London.

■ In 1836, the siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio.

■ In 1847, the Battle of Buena Vista took place during the Mexican-American War. U.S. troops led by General Zachary Taylor fought Mexican General Santa Anna's forces, who ended up withdrawing.

■ In 1848, the 6th president of the United States, John Quincy Adams, died in Washington, D.C., at age 80.

■ In 1861, President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrived secretly in Washington to take office, following word of an assassination plot in Baltimore.

■ In 1927, President Coolidge signed a bill creating the Federal Radio Commission, forerunner of the Federal Communications Commission.

■ In 1954, the first mass inoculation of children against polio with the Salk vaccine began in Pittsburgh.

■ In 1981, an attempted coup began in Spain as 200 members of the Civil Guard invaded the Parliament, taking lawmakers hostage. (However, the attempt collapsed 18 hours later.)

■ In 1997, scientists in Scotland announced they had succeeded in cloning an adult mammal, producing a lamb named Dolly. (Dolly, however, was later put down after a short life marred by premature aging and disease.)

■ **Ten years ago**: Forty-two people were killed, some 2,600 homes and businesses damaged or destroyed, by tornadoes in central Florida. President Clinton gave cautious approval to a U.N. agreement reached by Secretary-General Kofi Annan with Saddam Hussein for monitoring suspected weapons sites in Iraq.

■ **Five years ago**: In West Warwick, R.I., relatives of the victims of a deadly nightclub fire were allowed to walk up to the charred rubble to pray and say goodbye. Norah Jones won five Grammys, including album and record of the year.

■ **One year ago**: A Mississippi grand jury refused to bring any new charges in the 1955 slaying of Emmett Till, a black teenager who was beaten and shot after whistling at a white woman, declining to indict the woman, Carolyn Bryant Donham, for manslaughter. Democrat Tom Vilsack abandoned his bid for the presidency. Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport became the first in the United States to begin testing new X-ray screening technology that can see through people's clothes. Forty-six countries attending a conference in Oslo, Norway, agreed to push for a global treaty banning cluster bombs.

Associated Press

Turkish army tanks return to their base Friday near the Turkish-Iraqi border town of Silopi in Sirnak province, southeastern Turkey. Turkish troops launched a ground incursion across the border into Iraq in pursuit of separatist Kurdish rebels, a move that dramatically escalates Turkey's conflict with the militants.

Turkish troops launch ground offensive in Iraq

Some officials said the operation could last two weeks.

By SELCAN HACAOGLU
Associated Press Writer

CIZRE, Turkey – Supported by air power, Turkish troops crossed into northern Iraq on Friday in their first major ground incursion against Kurdish rebel bases in nearly a decade. But Turkey sought to avoid confrontation with U.S.-backed Iraq, saying the guerrillas were its only target.

The offensive, which started late Thursday after aircraft and artillery blasted suspected rebel targets, marked a dramatic escalation in Turkey's fight with the PKK rebel group even though Turkish officials described the operation as limited.

A military officer of the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq said on condition of anonymity that several hundred Turkish soldiers had crossed the border. The coalition has satellites as well as drones and other surveillance aircraft at its disposal.

Sky-Turk television said about 2,000 Turkish soldiers were in Iraq, operating against rebel camps about two miles in from the border. NTV television said a total of 10,000 soldiers were inside Iraq in an operation that had extended six miles past the frontier. The activity was reportedly occurring about 60 miles east of Cizre, a major town near the border with Iraq.

It was not possible to independently confirm the size or scope of the attack on the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, which is considered a terrorist group by the United States and European Union. CNN-Turk television, citing Turkish security officials, said the operation could last two weeks.

Late in the day, the Turkish military said five of its soldiers and 24 rebels had died in a clash inside Iraq and estimated at least 20 more rebels were killed by artillery and helicopter gunships. It said sporadic fighting was continuing.

Earlier, PKK spokesman Ahmad Danas said two Turkish soldiers were killed and eight wounded in clashes along the 240-mile border, but said nothing about rebel casualties. There was no way to confirm either report independently.

The advance was the first confirmed Turkish military ground operation in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein in 2003. Turkey's army is believed to have carried out unacknowledged "hot pursuits" in recent years, with small groups of troops staying in Iraq for as little as a few hours or a day.

Turkey staged about two-dozen attacks in Iraq during the rule of Saddam, who conducted brutal campaigns against Iraqi Kurds. Some Turkish offensives, including several in the late 1990s, involved tens of thousands of soldiers. Results were mixed, however, with rebels suffering combat losses but regrouping after Turkish forces withdrew.

The PKK militants are fighting for autonomy in predominantly Kurdish southeastern Turkey and have carried out attacks on Turkish targets from bases in the semiautonomous Kurdish region of northern Iraq. The conflict started in 1984 and has claimed as many as 40,000 lives.

Turkey's government has complained that Iraqi and U.S. authorities weren't doing enough to stop guerrilla operations. The Turkish air force has been staging air raids on PKK forces in the north since December with the help of intelligence provided by the U.S., a NATO ally.

McCain makes Midwestern swing

Republican front-runner hopes to put lobbyist story behind him.

By LIZ SIDOTI
Associated Press Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — His nomination assured, John McCain got an early jump on the general election this week with a swing through Midwestern states likely to be pivotal in the fall and a fresh line of criticism against Barack Obama.

"I will compete very strongly here in the heartland of America," the Republican nominee-in-waiting said in Ohio, underscoring the importance of the state and the region as he embarks on an eight-month effort to cobble together the 270 electoral votes needed to win the White House.

It was fitting, then, that McCain chose this setting — a state that gave President Bush the 2004 election in a swing-voting region — to step up his rhetoric against the man he considers his most likely opponent this fall.

"I will fight every moment of every day in this campaign to make sure Americans are not deceived by an eloquent but empty call for change," McCain said after winning the Wisconsin primary. It was a thinly veiled suggestion that the Illinois Democrat, who has now won 11 straight primary and caucus contests over Hillary Rodham Clinton, lacks the experience, judgment and character a president needs.

Well into the week, however, a character controversy of his own overshadowed McCain's message.

At a news conference in Toledo on Thursday, McCain was forced to respond to published reports that alleged he showed favoritism to clients of a female telecommunications lobbyist. A New York Times report said top McCain aides became "convinced the relationship had become romantic."

With his wife, Cindy, beside him, he denied any romance or impropriety.

"It's not true," McCain said. "At no time have I ever done anything that would betray the public trust."

"We will move forward," he declared and continued his Midwest trek.

With Obama and Clinton still fighting for the Democratic nomination, the GOP's likely standard-bearer is laying groundwork now for the fall by visiting key states and trying to define his opponents, particularly Obama.

Thus, McCain took his sharper criticism of Obama to five middle America states this week.

He began in Wisconsin, at a county GOP dinner and a get-out-the-vote rally. By Tuesday, he was in Ohio celebrating a Wisconsin victory that inched him closer to the 1,191 convention delegates he needs to clinch the nomination.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Snowstorm snarls Northeast travel

NEW YORK (AP) — Up to a foot of snow on Friday interrupted what had been a mild winter in much of the Northeast and created havoc for travelers, forcing the cancellation of more than 1,100 flights in the New York area alone.

Roads were slick throughout the region and there were hundreds of accidents, but Mayor Michael Bloomberg urged people to look on the bright side.

"The timing is perfect, if you think about it," he said. "We'll have the whole weekend to clean up the mess."

If that didn't cheer up his constituents, the mayor also announced that free hot chocolate and free sled rentals were available Friday at one park in each of the city's five boroughs.

Half a foot of snow fell in New York City. Up to a foot was forecast in suburban counties, and up to 9 inches fell in parts of Connecticut. Storm warnings extended northward across Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. In many places, snow was changing over to rain, sometimes freezing rain.

Serb demonstrators attack U.N. police

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Kosovo (AP) — Violent protests rocked Serb-dominated northern Kosovo on Friday, as mobs chanting "Kosovo is ours!" hurled stones, bottles and firecrackers at U.N. police guarding a bridge that divides Serbs from ethnic Albanians.

The scenes evoked memories of the carnage unleashed by former Serb autocrat Slobodan Milosevic the last time Kosovo tried to break away from Serbia, which considers the territory its ancestral homeland.

There were disturbing signs the riots in Belgrade, Serbia, and in Mitrovica have the blessing of nationalists in the Serbian government, which hopes to somehow undo the loss of the beloved province.

Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica's authorities have repeatedly vowed to reclaim the land, despite U.S. and other Western recognition of Kosovo's statehood. Some hard-line government ministers have praised the violent protests as "legitimate" — and in line with government policies of retaining control over Serb-populated areas.

Serbian President Boris Tadic called an emergency meeting of the national security council and said the rioting that engulfed the capital must "never happen again."

Flight lands safely after gear scare

MIAMI (AP) — An American Airlines flight to Chicago landed safely in Miami on Friday after being diverted with nose gear trouble.

Flight 862 landed at Miami International Airport around 3:45 p.m. It had taken off from West Palm Beach but soon had trouble.

Pilots of the MD-80 jet burned off fuel as a precaution before landing. Airport spokesman Greg Chin saids there were about 130 people aboard the plane.

In North Dakota, meanwhile, the Air Force said a B-52 bomber made an emergency landing at the Minot airport because of aircraft malfunctions and deteriorating weather.

The aircraft landed safely early Friday morning.

Renzi charged in mining land swap

PHOENIX (AP) — Federal authorities announced corruption charges Friday accusing Rep. Rick Renzi of engineering a swap of federally owned mining land to benefit himself and a former business partner and stealing from his insurance company's clients.

A lengthy federal investigation that had put the three-term Republican congressman under a cloud for more than a year culminated in a 26-page indictment issued Thursday against him and two other men. Renzi announced Aug. 23 that he wouldn't run for re-election in Arizona's mostly rural 1st Congressional District.

"Congressman Renzi deprived the citizens of Arizona of his honest services as a United States elected representative," U.S. Attorney Diane J. Humetewa said.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

Two players hit 'Cash 5' jackpot

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Two players matched all five winning numbers drawn in Friday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will each receive $230,938.50.

Lottery officials said 151 players matched four numbers and won $238 each; 5,298 players matched three numbers and won $11 each; and 68,371 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

Valley Independent LOTTERY RESULTS

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

FRIDAY, FEB. 22, 2008

DAY PICK 3:	1-4-7
NIGHT PICK 3:	5-9-2
DAY PICK BIG 4:	2-4-1-6
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	2-4-4-3
TREASURE HUNT:	5-6-10-11-23
CASH 5:	1-14-18-33-42
MATCH 6:	14-26-29-33-40-48

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

FRIDAY, FEB. 22, 2008

DAY PICK 3:	0-6-4
NIGHT PICK 3:	2-2-4
DAY PICK 4:	9-2-0-5
NIGHT PICK 4:	4-2-6-8
ROLLING CASH 5:	5-9-21-37-38

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

FRIDAY, FEB. 22, 2008

DAILY 3:	1-1-7
DAILY 4:	4-0-0-8
CASH 25:	2-9-11-16-18-23

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Cheers 'n Jeers

Here is a critical look at some of the events that helped shape life in the Mid-Mon Valley area during the past week:

To the Monessen Lady Greyhounds for their valiant pursuit of a WPIAL basketball title. Even though the school's perfect season was spoiled Friday, the players have much to be proud of. They can count on strong community support as they pursue a PIAA championship next week.

For a wide-ranging drug sweep conducted this week in the Mid-Mon Valley. We support law enforcement efforts to aggressively fight the drug problem in our communities.

Looking for Chris Higbee, former fiddler for the Povertyneck Hillbillies, this weekend? Check the roof of the Moose Lodge 92 in Perryopolis, where he is camping out for 72 hours to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. When Higbee ends his rooftop vigil tonight, he will spend an hour as a celebrity bartender at the Moose. Try to pay him a visit and make a generous donation.

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YOUR OPINION

Get tough on cigarette companies

To the Editor:

Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States, killing more than 400,000 people and costing the nation nearly $100 billion in health care bills each year.

About 90 percent of adult smokers begin in their teens or earlier. Every day, another 1,000 kids become regular, daily smokers, and one-third of them will die prematurely as a result.

I believe that Congress has an unprecedented opportunity in 2008 to pass life-saving legislation that will finally give Food and Drug Administration the authority to crack down on the tobacco companies and their new deadly products.

A report was issued recently by a coalition of public health organizations titled, "Big Tobacco's Guinea Pigs: How an Unregulated Industry Experiments on American's Kids and Consumers." The report highlights how the tobacco companies have manipulated their products to recruit new youth users, create and sustain addiction and discourage users from quitting.

New products such as R.J. Reynolds' Camel No. 9 cigarettes — a pink-hued version that one newspaper dubbed "Barbie Camel" — is marketed directly t o young girls.

A growing list of products has been marketed with unproven and misleading claims that they are less harmful than traditional cigarettes. Claims included "May present less risk of cancer (Reynolds American Eclipse cigarettes) and "Reduced carcinogens. Premium taste" (Vector Tobacco's Omni cigarettes).

The best way to reduce the 1,200 tobacco-related deaths each day is to prevent kids from ever starting to smoke. We need FDA regulation of tobacco products, and we have a great chance of passing this legislation in 2008. This is a call to action for all members of Congress to pass [S. 625/H.R. 1108]. Few steps could have a greater impact on our health.

Deborah Brown
Vice President of Community Outreach and Advocacy,
American Lung Association of the Mid-Atlantic
Camp Hill

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Sweet deal for Veon

Brad **BUMSTED**

What were they thinking? The House Democratic Campaign Committee last November and December paid off the debt of former state House member and now lobbyist, Rep. Mike Veon to the tune of $40K.

For old times sake.

Forget for a moment that Veon was a lobbyist at the time his committee received the payment from HDCC. That raises a set of questions of its own.

Consider that he is caught up in the bonusgate scandal unfolding at the Capitol — use of bonus payments to staffers allegedly in return for their work on campaigns. His former staffers have been called to testify before a grand jury.

A Beaver County nonprofit, the Beaver Initiative for Growth — which Veon served as co-director and helped get $10 million in state grants – is under investigation by a grand jury.

Neither Veon nor other lawmakers have been accused of wrongdoing in either the non-profit probe or bonusgate.

But Mike Veon, a student of politics, would be the first to tell you that politics is about appearances.

It is not what you do necessarily, but how you do it and how it comes off to the public, that counts.

The HDCC serves Democratic incumbents and challengers.

It is supposed to help Democrats get elected.

So $40,000 to Mike's campaign, while legal, raises questions – not so much about Veon , but about the decision-making of his former colleagues.

"Perhaps the HDCC should institute a new governance clause as a condition of membership — BYOB — "Bring Your Own Brain," said Eric Epstein, founder of Rock the Capital, a reform group, and a former Democratic candidate for state senate.

The Democrats hold a one-vote majority in the state House.

They won back the House in 2006 after serving in the minority for 12 years. Veon, then the number two House Democrat, had a lot to do with the D's regaining control despite losing his own seat over his arrogance about the 2005 pay raise. Veon was the only lawmaker who refused to vote for a repeal of the legislative pay grab.

He has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the caucus.

But in 2007 he needed help.

His old buds, particularly HDCC Chair Todd Eachus, came to the rescue after Veon lost in the November, 2006 general election.

Loyalty is a great quality but control of the House is so thin it could hinge on one campaign, one candidate, one political ad.

Veon does them no good any longer – zero. He brought a heap of trouble on incumbents by joining with R's and D's to back the pay raise.

The donation apparently was okayed by Eachus.

Three other leaders of the HDCC had no knowledge of it.

That hung some of those committee's leaders out to dry. Rep. Jennifer Mann, D-Allentown, a clean-cut, good government candidate running for state treasurer, was caught off guard when asked about the payment to Veon's campaign. She knew nothing of the payment to Veon.

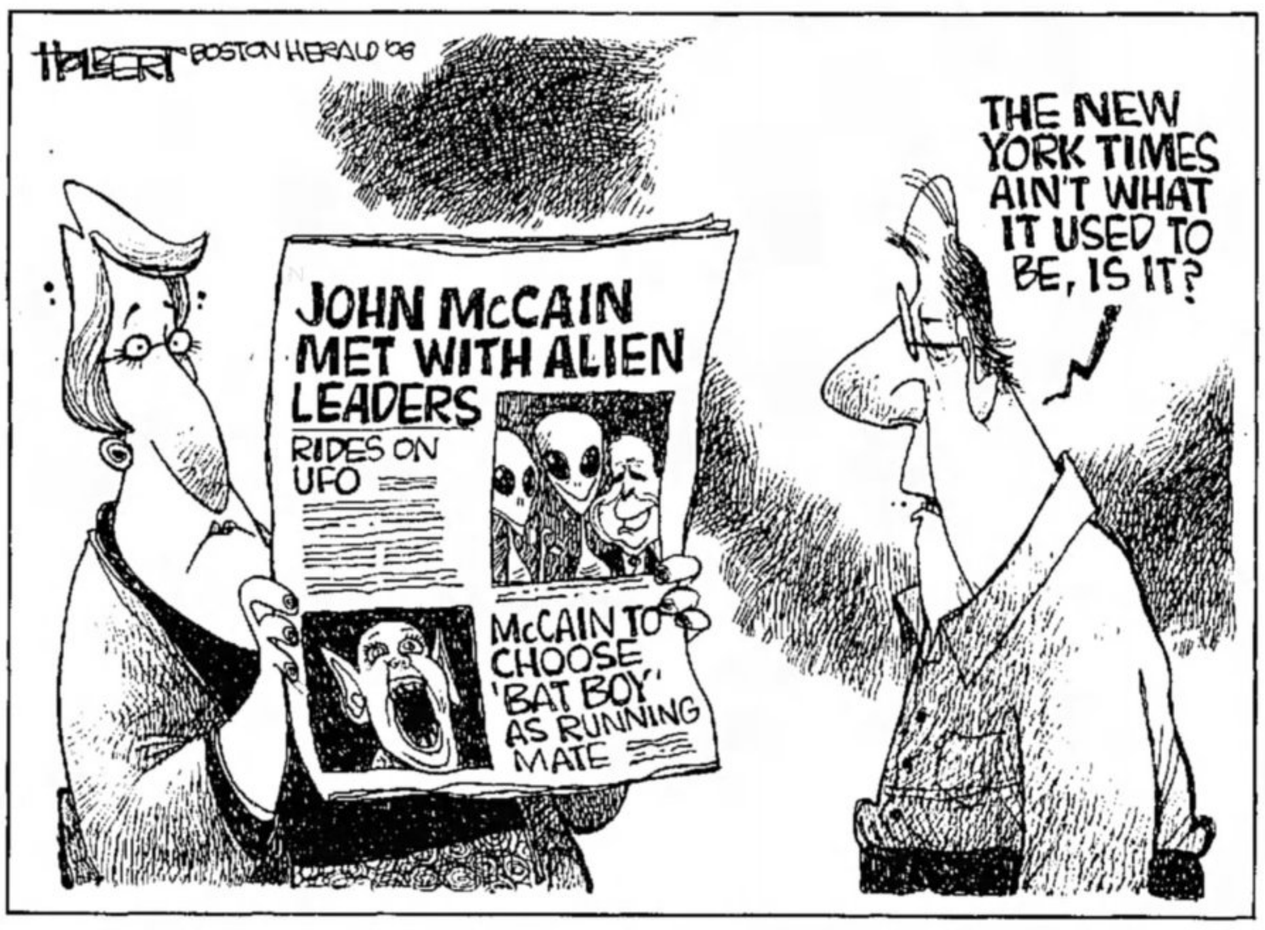
It put her in a tight spot.

For the vast majority of House Democrats, who knew nothing about $1.9 million in bonuses paid out in 2006, bonusgate — quite unfairly — is a real embarrassment.

And the payment to Veon's campaign could prove to be an even bigger embarrassment depending how the investigation of BIG and bonuses turns out.

Bailing out Veon's campaigns at the expense of current members "is an in-your-face move," said Epstein. "It says, 'we're not going to change how we operate.'"

Brad Bumsted is the Tribune-Review's state Capitol reporter.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Medium and the message

Cokie and Steve **ROBERTS**

A college student we know recently switched his allegiance from John McCain to Barack Obama. Watching ads and videos for the Illinois senator, he explained, "gave me chills, and made me think that these were the feelings people felt when JFK, my political idol, was running."

The student included a YouTube link to the "most influential" video he'd seen so far. Called "Yes We Can" and created by singer will.i.am of the Black Eyed Peas, it sets the words of an Obama speech to music. In just a few weeks, it has become the unofficial anthem of the Obama campaign.

Consider the reaction of Mark Anthony Neal, a professor of African-American studies at Duke University who watched the video with his 9-year-old daughter. As Neal told the Washington Post, his daughter turned and asked: "Daddy, why are you crying?" His answer: "It really pulls at our heartstrings the way more mundane political songs don't."

There are many reasons why Obama has surged into the lead for the Democratic nomination (which widened in Wisconsin and Hawaii this week), but this is an important one. More and more voters are getting their information about the candidates directly from the Internet, outside the filters and frameworks imposed by the mainstream media.

"Yes We Can" is the archetypical example of this shift. Yes, will.i.am and his pals (30 of them join the sing-along) are polished professional performers, but the video acquires its power from a fresh, even naive, approach that would never occur to your average, hard-bitten media consultant.

The producers distributed their work by posting it on open-source Web sites like YouTube (where it has received 4 million hits as of this writing). Then the video went viral, with fans sending it to friends with a few mouse clicks.

This anecdotal evidence of the Internet's growing influence is supported by data from the Pew Research Center: One out of four Americans uses the Internet as a major source of political information, but that jumps to 46 percent among 18- to 29-year-olds (up from 21 percent in 2004).

Of course television still matters — six in 10 still follow politics on the tube — and in this arena, Obama also enjoys significant advantages. His huge fund-raising lead over Hillary Clinton enabled him to flood key primary states with paid commercials after Super Tuesday; in Wisconsin, he was on the air for six days before Clinton ran a single spot.

Obama has also been riding a wave of favorable press coverage that borders on the ecstatic. Media critic Howard Kurtz of the Washington Post calls it "Kennedy envy," and he has a point. Many young reporters feel "chills" at Obama's performances and yearn for the excitement of JFK's legendary campaign 48 years ago.

We've always believed that most reporters reflect two biases — in favor of a good story and against whoever is in power — and Obama benefits on both counts. As the first serious female candidate, Clinton has a strong story to tell, but the possibility of a young black president turns out to be an even more compelling tale. And while Clinton does not occupy the White House, she used to, and her poor relations with the media reflect that tangled history.

Team Clinton understands the power of the Internet — she announced her candidacy on the Web, after all — but for Obama, new media has become an essential part of his change message. "Yes We Can" is far more effective because it comes from the bottom up, not the top down. The video itself embodies what he's trying to sell: a shift in power from old to young, insider to outsider.

More practically, it didn't cost the Obama campaign anything. When supporters send it to their friends, they develop a stake in the candidate's success. And when that video arrives, with a personal endorsement, it assumes extra credibility. "People, for the most part, will make their final decisions based on what friends and family say," media consultant Bill McIntyre told Bloomberg News.

Moreover, the video stands alone. There's no TV commentator right there, poised to pose a question or pick it apart. That's why Democratic strategist Tad Devine made a valid point to Bloomberg: "We can reach peopie on a mass basis without television. That old age has already ended."

Not quite. A huge question has not been fully answered: Can all of this online enthusiasm translate into offline activism? And votes next fall? But a new media age is dawning, and Barack Obama is its first symbol.

Ham is Easter tradition

Dinner centerpiece is part of the holiday just like bunnies and colored eggs.

By JIM ROMANOFF
For The Associated Press

Serving a holiday ham may seem like an easy choice. That is, until you get to the grocer.

That's when you discover the often overwhelming variety of hams, leaving you to guess at the best choice.

But understanding a few ham basics can make your selection much easier, ensuring you get the best ham to suit not only your tastes and budget, but also the amount of effort you want to invest in the meal.

A true ham is the leg of pork that comes from the hind of the hog. This is the best choice for slicing and serving.

To confuse matters, the front leg, called the pork shoulder picnic, often is cured and called ham, as well. These hams tend to have more internal fat, making them better suited for dishes such as soups and stews.

Most true hams are cured in salt or salt water and sometimes sugar. After curing, American hams are smoked, then partially or fully cooked. European hams, such as prosciutto, are salted, air dried and eaten raw.

A few small U.S. producers still make traditional country hams, which are salt-cured, then cold-smoked over smoldering fires. This type of ham must be thoroughly cooked and is extremely salty. Most of the hams carried by mainstream grocers are fully cooked.

The various names on the labels generally refer to the cut of the leg you are getting and the style of flavors used to prepare it.

Here's what you need to know:

PLANNING

■ When selecting a ham, figure on buying 1/4 to 1/3 pound per person if boneless, 1/3 to 1/2 pound per person if partially-boned, and 3/4 to 1 pound per person for bone-in hams.

■ If hope to get your holiday shopping done early, you can store a ham, unopened, in the original packaging for 7 to 10 days. For longer storage, you can freeze a ham, in the original packaging, for up to 3 months.

VARIETIES

■ Fully cooked or ready-to-eat hams can be eaten with no further preparation. They are available with or without the bone, or partially-boned, which still have a small part of the thigh bone, but not the big joints.

While the bone adds flavor during the cooking process, it can make carving more difficult. Regardless of the bone, fully cooked hams can be purchased in a variety of sizes.

Meat expert Bruce Aidells, author of "The Complete Meat Cookbook," says a whole, 10- to 20-pound bone-in ham is the most flavorful and least wasteful cut. It can serve 15 to 20 people with leftovers, and the bone can be used as you would a ham hock, for seasoning soups and bean dishes.

For smaller groups, Aidells recommends buying a smaller section of the ham. The butt-end, which is the upper part of the leg, tends to have more meat than the smaller shank end, which is lower on the leg.

■ Partially cooked or ready-to-cook hams are made using traditional smoking and curing techniques and have been heated to at least 137 F during some part of the processing.

Aidells says that because these hams are minimally processed they usually have superior flavor and texture.

Finer markets may stock ready-to-cook hams during the holidays

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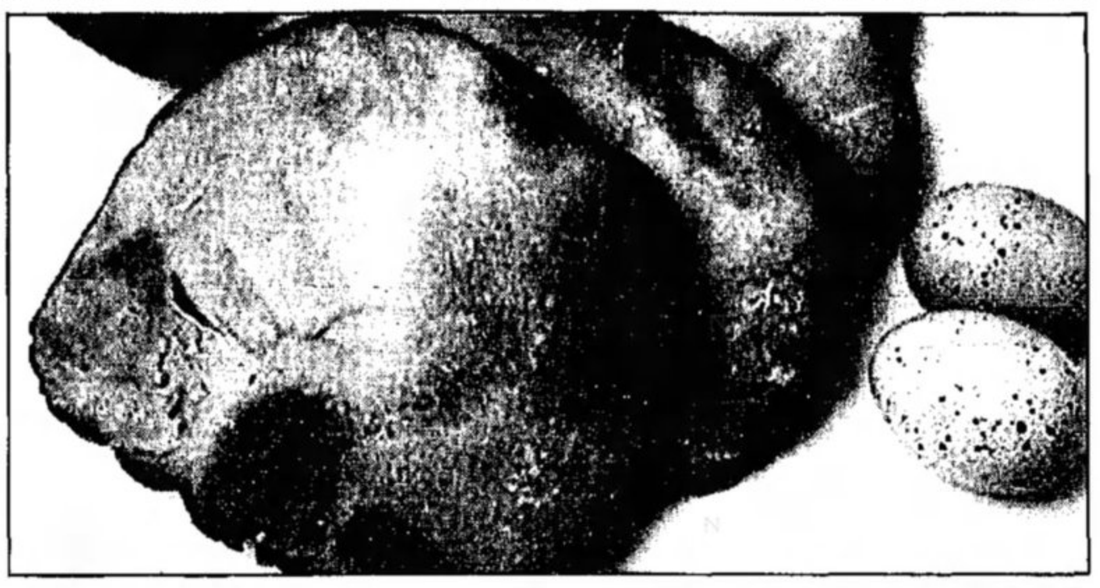

When it comes to the holiday ham your grocer provides a somewhat overwhelming choice on their shelves.

Associated Press

Recipe for roasted fresh ham

To make a beautiful rich gravy for this roast, combine 2 tablespoons of fat from the drippings with 2 tablespoons of flour and cook over low heat, stirring constantly, for 2 to 3 minutes. Whisk in the rest of the de-fatted drippings and bring to a gently boil until the gravy thickens. If you want extra gravy you can add some chicken broth to pad the mixture.

Roasted Fresh Ham with Simmered Sauerkraut

Start to finish: 3 to 4 hours (30 minutes active)
Servings: 8 to 10

2 tablespoons dried sage
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
6- to 7-pound butt-end fresh ham
3 cloves garlic, cut into slivers
1 1/2 cups chicken broth
6 tablespoons butter, melted
2 teaspoons dry mustard
1 tablespoon lemon juice
4 small yellow onions, quartered

Arrange an oven rack in the lower third of the oven. Preheat the oven to 450 F.

In a small bowl, combine the sage, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Using your hands, rub the sage mixture onto the outside of the ham.

Using the tip of a knife, puncture the roast all over to produce dozens of little holes about 3/4-inch deep. Insert the slivered garlic into the holes.

Using a knife to score the ham, making 1/4-inch deep slashes about 2-inches apart. Place the ham in a large roasting pan, fat-side up. Roast for 20 minutes, then reduce heat to 325 F.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl make a basting liquid by combining the chicken broth, melted butter, dry mustard and lemon juice.

After the ham has been in the oven for an hour, add the onions to the pan, then baste the ham using some of the chicken broth mixture. Continue cooking, basting every 30 minutes, until the ham reaches an internal temperature of 155 F (plan about 25 minutes per pound).

Remove the ham from the oven and transfer to a cutting board. Cover the ham loosely with foil and let rest for 20 minutes. Discard the onions and de-fat the pan drippings and use to make a gravy. Slice the ham and serve with simmered sauerkraut.

Simmered Sauerkraut

Simmering the sauerkraut for several hours makes it melt-in-you-mouth tender. Juniper berries give the dish a distinctive flavor, but if you can't find them just omit them from the recipe.

Start to finish: 3 hours (5 minutes active)
Servings: 12

3 pounds sauerkraut, drained
3 1/2 cups chicken broth
1 medium yellow onion, chopped
1 teaspoon juniper berries
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

In a medium saucepan with a lid, combine the sauerkraut, chicken broth, onion, juniper berries and pepper. Bring to a boil, then reduce to low. Cover and simmer 2 to 3 hours. Serve with roasted fresh ham.

SCHOOL MENUS

BELLE VERNON AREA
Breakfast

Daily – Chef salad/roll, sliced turkey or ham/or peanut butter and jelly/or cheese on a roll, lettuce, tomato and pickle, fresh fruit, vegetable, milk.

Monday – Baked chicken strips dinner/roll, egg noodles/BBQ sauce, green beans, chilled mixed fruit.

Tuesday – Ham and cheese sandwich/bun, oven fries/catsup, vegetable soup/crackers, chilled pineapple.

Wednesday – Hard or soft taco/cheese/hot roll, shredded lettuce/salsa, taco sauce/corn, chilled applesauce.

Thursday – Grilled chicken pita sandwich, lettuce dressing/steamed peas, potato wedge/catsup, chilled peaches.

Friday – Cheese pizza (red or white) or garlic breadsticks/spaghetti sauce, with or without cheese sticks, tossed salad/low fat dressing, chilled pears.

CALIFORNIA AREA
Breakfast

Daily – Milk.

Monday – Toast, juice, pancake sausage on stick.

Tuesday – Cereal, juice, donut.

Wednesday – Cinnamon bun, toast, juice.

Thursday – Juice, toast, egg/sausage/cheese muffin.

Friday – Cereal, juice, whole grain waffles/syrup.

Lunch

Daily – Tuna and peanut butter and jelly sandwich, milk.

Monday – Sloppy joe or jumbo taco, corn, salsa, bite size pretzels, assorted fruit.

Tuesday – Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, tater tots, assorted fruit.

Wednesday – Spaghetti/meat sauce, garlic stick, tossed salad, assorted fruit.

Thursday – Sweet & sour popcorn chicken served over rice, broccoli cuts, roll, sherbet.

Friday – Pierogie, garlic or cheese pizza, green beans, assorted fruit.

CHARLEROI AREA
Breakfast

Daily – Cereal or yogurt with muffin, juice, milk.

Monday – Breakfast strudel.

Tuesday – Peanut butter and jelly bars with grahams.

Wednesday – Ham and cheese bagel.

Thursday – Assorted Danish.

Friday – Hot Pockets.

Lunch

Daily – Milk.

Monday – Chicken strips with wheat bread or walking tacos, corn, peaches.

Tuesday – Italian hoagie or breaded chick patty on a bun, French fries, applesauce.

Wednesday – Steak and cheese hoagie or macaroni and cheese, whole wheat roll, fresh salad, fresh fruit.

Thursday – Ravioli with garlic toast or sloppy joe on a bun, carrots, pears, cookie.

Friday – White Sicilian pizza or BBQ rib sandwich, green beans, pineapple tidbits.

GEIBEL CATHOLIC
Lunch

Daily – Milk.

Monday – Cheeseburger on a bun, French fries, vegetable, dessert.

Tuesday – Wiener wrap, tater tots, baked beans, dessert.

Wednesday – Pirogies, potato wedge, beets, dessert.

Thursday – Chicken Alfredo, roll and butter, vegetable, dessert.

Friday – Pizza, tossed salad, fruit, dessert.

MADONNA CATHOLIC REGIONAL SCHOOL
Breakfast

Daily – Cereal, toast, milk.

Monday – Breakfast Hot Pocket.

Tuesday – Pancakes.

Wednesday – Sausage and cheese bagel.

Thursday – French toast sticks.

Friday – Egg and cheese bagel.

Lunch

Daily – Chicken nuggets, chilled fruit, milk.

Monday – Diced turkey and mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable.

Tuesday – Popcorn chicken, oven potatoes, vegetable.

Wednesday – Chicken Parmesan, vegetable, dessert.

Thursday – Philly cheese steak sandwich, oven potatoes.

Friday – Cheesy pizza or tuna salad sandwich, tossed salad.

MONESSEN
Breakfast

Daily – Cereal with graham crackers, fruit juice, milk.

Monday – Super bun; Secondary – Sausage and cheese muffin.

Tuesday – Ham and cheese muffin; Secondary – Flapstick with syrup.

Wednesday – Egg and cheese hot pocket; Secondary – Funnel cake.

Thursday – Breakfast Pizza Pocket.

Friday – Cinnamon roll.

Lunch

Daily – Fruit choice, milk.

Monday – Spicy chicken patty or steak and cheese sandwich, corn; Secondary – Hot dog bar or cheeseburger, French fries or baked beans.

Tuesday – French toast sticks and sausage or turkey, cheese on a bun, hash browns, fruit juice; Secondary – Meatball hoagie or chicken soft taco, French fries, corn.

Wednesday – Baked potato bar or ham and cheese sandwich, broccoli; Secondary – Buffalo chicken sandwich or Italian dunkers with sauce, baked fries, green beans.

Thursday – BBQ pork on a bun or chicken and cheese wrap, corn; Secondary – Hot Sicilian melt or chicken patty on a bun, French fries, peas.

Friday – Egg and cheese muffin or meatball hoagie, baked potato wedges; Secondary – Fish sandwich or turkey and cheese wrap, buttered pasta, steamed broccoli, Shape Up.

RINGGOLD
Lunch

Daily – Fresh fruit or fruit cups, milk.

Monday – Chicken nuggets with bread slice or taco salad, peas.

Tuesday – Rigatoni with meat sauce and buttered bread or ham and cheese wrap, corn.

Wednesday – Cheeseburger or hot dog, baked beans, chips.

Thursday – Spaghetti with meat sauce and garlic bread or taco pizza, tossed salad.

Friday – Italian dunkers with dipping sauce or chef salad, vegetables.

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Chili without the meat

Vegan recipe doesn't use extra fat or salt for taste.

COOKING WITH CYNTHIA

Being a vegetarian never appealed to me much. I love meat, especially beef.

When I see these cows with the red tags on their ears, I get very upset and then feel guilty about it. I've decided if I could experiment with some good vegan recipes, maybe I'll adapt to it gradually. Maybe once a week at first and then twice a week, etc.

One thing I found you have to watch for, though, is some of these dishes do not do a lot for your waistline. You have to be careful because what a recipe lacks in taste because of the absence of meat is sometimes —not all the time — made up by adding more fat or salt, or is even higher in cholesterol.

This recipe for vegan chili does not add flavor by adding to your problems so I think you should try it, at least once a week.

Ingredients:

Extra virgin olive oil
1 package vegetarian burger crumbles
1 large red onion, chopped
2 red or orange bell peppers, cleaned and chopped
4 bay leaves
2 tablespoons crushed red peppers
3 tablespoons molasses
1 cube vegetarian bouillon
1 teaspoon hot sauce
Salt and pepper to taste
1 cup water
3 tablespoons flour
3 cans light kidney beans
1 teaspoon onion powder
3 ounces sharp cheddar cheese
1/2 medium onion, finely chopped
Sour cream (non fat)

Directions:

Coat a skillet with olive oil. Add onions and saute until clear. Add vegetarian crumbles, salt, pepper and onion powder. Saute with onions for about three minutes so the crumbles pick up the onion flavor. Transfer to a slow cooker.

Add beans, peppers, bay leaves, crushed pepper, bouillon, hot peppers, salt and pepper, molasses and hot sauce. Add one cup of water and cook on high for three hours.

Dissolve flour in a cup of water, stirring until free of lumps, add to crock pot and cook for approximately one hour more. Serve with sprinkling of cheddar cheese, some more chopped onion and a dollop of sour cream (I use non-fat).

Ham (FROM PAGE SEVEN)

and they can be purchase online and mail order from specialty producers.

■ Fresh hams haven't been cured or cooked. They must be cooked to an internal temperature of 160 F. These are sometimes found with alongside other pork roasts, but you may need to special order them. Mark Scarbrough and Bruce Weinstein, authors of "The Ultimate Cookbook," praise fresh hams for their fat and lean meat, which they say creates and excellent moist texture and superior flavor.

■ Spiral-cut hams, which usually are fully cooked and available with or without the bone, have become increasingly popular, in part for their ease of serving. But that may be where the advantages end.

Aidells says these hams tend to dry out. They also often are coated with a sweet commercial glaze made with processed sweeteners. Aidells says even the simplest glaze of brown sugar and mustard would taste better.

COOKING

■ Fully cooked hams can be eaten cold. If you plan to bake it, heat the oven to 325 F and cook to an internal temperature of 140 F. Leftovers, or hams not in their original packaging, should be heated to 160 F.

■ A fully cooked whole ham will take 15 to 18 minutes per pound to come to temperature. A fully cooked half ham will need to cook for about 18 to 24 minutes per pound.

■ Partially cooked hams must be heated at 325 F to an internal temperature of 160 F. A 15- to 20-pound ham needs 18 to 20 minutes per pound.

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Sampson done at IU

Indiana University has officially cut ties with scandal-plagued basketball coach Kelvin Sampson. **2B**

Valley SPORTS

Easter egg-citement

The colorful tradition of pysanky dates back thousands of years. **6B**

Legend lends hand

Pirates' catcher Ronny Paulino is getting some spring training advice from Manny Sanguillen. **2B**

Sports Trivia

Where did fired Indiana University basketball coach Kelvin Sampson start his collegiate coaching career 26 years ago? **2B**

Last night's scores

Dallas 5, Edmonton 2
Calgary 1, Detroit 0
Colorado 3, Phoenix 2, SO

Jeff **OLIVER**

Quest for perfection falls short

And now the Lady Greyhounds know how the New England Patriots feel.

A season's worth of perfection goes for naught with one loss ... in the biggest game of them all.

For 26 games, coach Major Corley's team was unbeatable, unstoppable and unflappable. They were perfect. They were kings, er, queens of the hill.

But after Friday's 74-68 double-overtime loss to playoff nemesis Mt. Alvernia in the WPIAL Class A title game, those other 26 wins don't look like such a big deal today.

You could tell by the tears rolling down the cheeks of some of the Monessen players as they glumly accepted their silver medals. You could tell in the pain in the words spoken by their veteran coach.

"This one hurts. It hurts a lot," Corley said as he stood off by himself on the parquet floor at the A.J. Palumbo Center on the campus of Duquesne University. In the background, happy Mt. Alvernia players accepted their gold medals and the championship trophy that goes with winning.

"This one hurts because we were undefeated. We win this game and we're on a level that very few teams have reached," Corley said. "We played hard, but we lost. And it's gonna hurt for a while."

It will hurt because the Lady Greyhounds were so close to being perfect. They were 14 seconds away, in fact.

With 14 seconds left in regulation, Monessen led 58-56, but couldn't hold on.

It will hurt because the Lady Greyhounds had their chances to win in regulation and the first overtime, but did not finish the job.

And it will hurt because they lost to a team that has made a habit out of ruining their playoff seasons.

"That team just has our number," Corley said, shaking his head. "We beat them when we were in the same section, but I don't know if we have ever beaten them in the playoffs. I don't think we have. Sometimes a team has your number no matter what you do. Mt. Alvernia seems to have ours."

The Lions beat Monessen in the playoffs for the second straight time, and those two losses just happen to be the last two losses this Lady Greyhounds team has suffered.

And this is also not the first time Mt. Alvernia has beaten Monessen on Class A's biggest stage — the championship game.

"We had our chances. We should have won in the fourth quarter," Corley said. "We had our chance in overtime, too. Three bad shots we took beat us."

That and some failed strategy in the closing seconds of regulation. With 14 seconds left, Monessen had four fouls to give and hoped to run out the rest of the clock by fouling.

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Double trouble in double OT

Ball doesn't bounce Monessen's way in playoff loss to Mt. Alvernia.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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PITTSBURGH — The Monessen Lady Greyhounds' luck ran out with 14 seconds left in Friday's WPIAL Class A championship basketball game with Mt. Alvernia at Duquesne University's A.J. Palumbo Center.

As a result, Monessen is no longer the WPIAL's lone unbeaten team and had to settle for runner-up honors following a 74-68 double overtime defeat to its perennial nemesis.

"We had our chances in regulation and then took some shots we shouldn't have and that was the difference," said Monessen coach Major Corley after watching the school's record win streak end at 26.

"To go unbeaten you have to be good and lucky," he added. "You have to have the ball bounce your way."

It was with the aforementioned 14 seconds that the ball didn't bounce Monessen's way and resulted in the Lady Greyhounds (26-1) suffering a third straight playoff overtime loss to the Lions (17-8) in the last four years.

Here's the scenario:

Monessen was leading 58-56 with 14 seconds remaining when star player Christina Chukwuedo got fouled and went to the foul line for a one-and-one.

Chukwuedo's shot rolled around the rim before bouncing out and Mt. Alvernia took possession.

If the ball had dropped in Monessen would have had a three-point lead and possibly a four-point advantage if Chukwuedo made her second free throw.

Monessen and Mt. Alvernia then traded timeouts with nine seconds remaining before sending the game into overtime when 5-10 senior Renee Brown, who finished with a game-high 34 points, made two free throws with six seconds to go.

Monessen's Kelly Mornak forced a second overtime with a basket with 18 seconds remaining.

Brown had given the Lions a 62-60 lead 16 seconds earlier after Monessen's Breane Minardi drove in for a score with 2:02 left to knot the score.

In the second overtime, it was all Mt. Alvernia as the Lions scored

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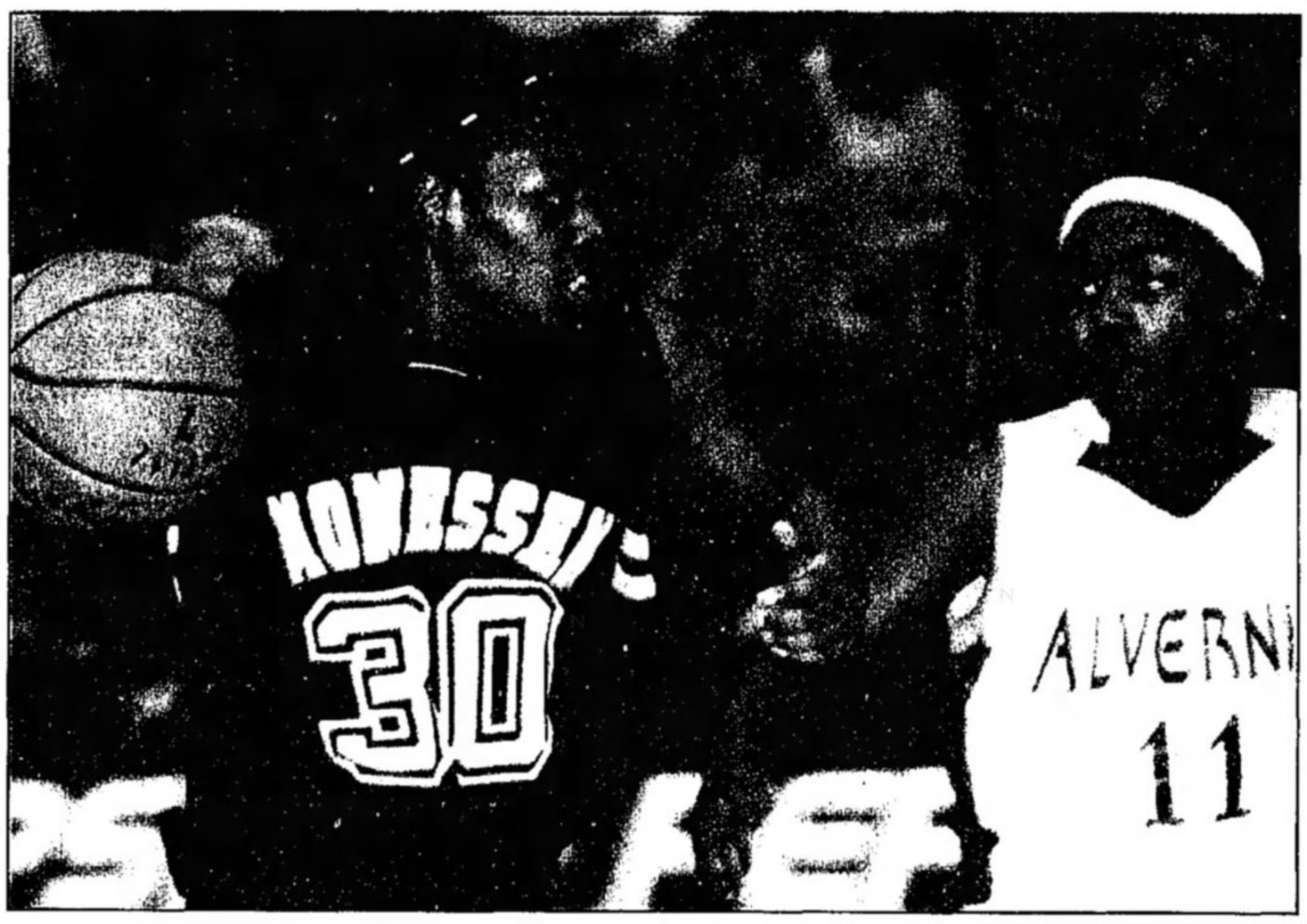

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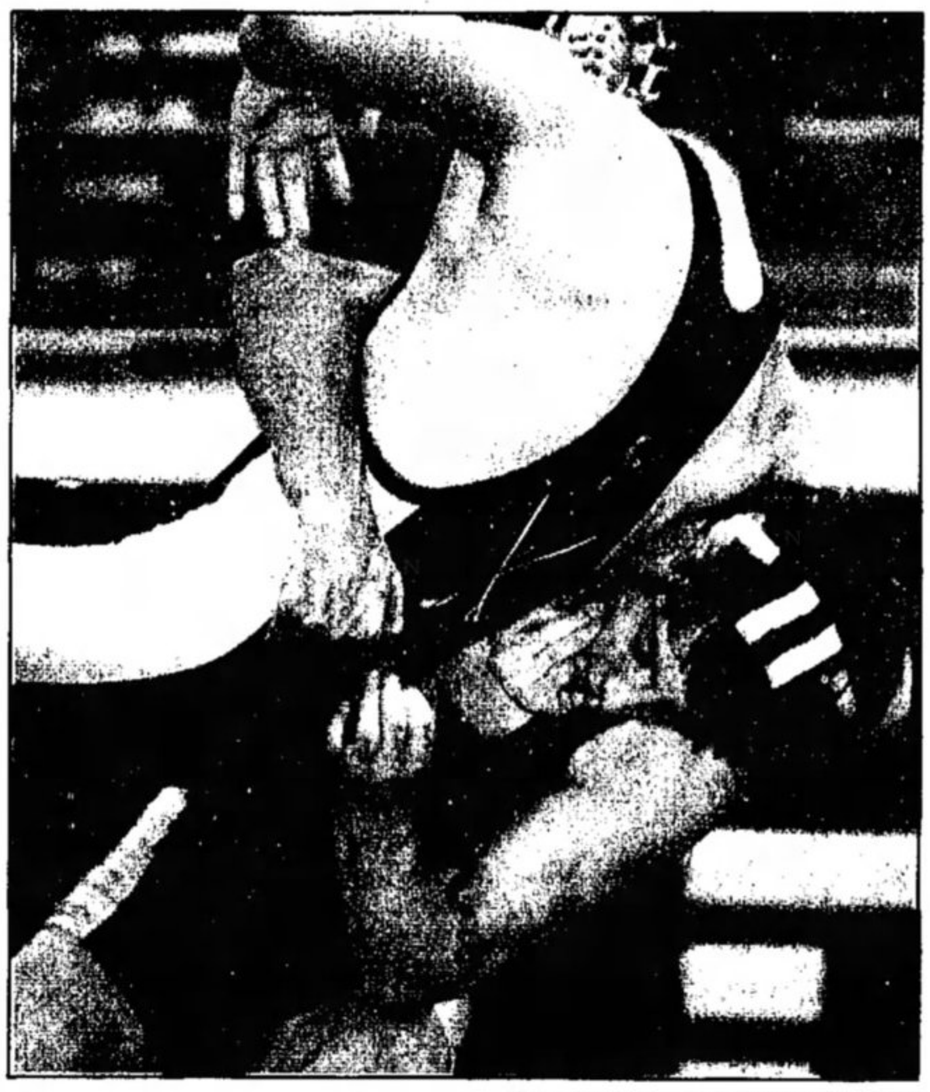
Monessen's Christina Chukwuedo tries to drive to the basket Friday past Mt. Alvernia's Hannah Butler.



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Belle Vernon Area's Donnie Tasser advanced to today's semifinals by pinning Kiski's Mike McCutcheon in 5:44.

4 BVA wrestlers win at tournament

Weslager, Tasser brothers and Boyer reach Class AAA semifinals.

CANONSBURG — Belle Vernon Area wrestlers had a good night in the quarterfinals of the WPIAL class AAA Championships and PIAA Southwest Regional Friday at Canon-McMillan.

All four Leps — Jeremy Weslager, the Tasser brothers, Donnie and P.J. and Jacob Boyer — were winners to advance to today's semifinals which start at noon.

Weslager (112) started things off by taking a 13-0 major decision over Montour's Dave Baker.

Weslager (29-6) will face Penn-Trafford's Shane Young today.

Donnie Tasser (140) followed with a pin in 5:44 over Kiski's Mike McCutcheon and will take a 35-3 record against North Allegheny's Dave Cawley.

Boyer (160) decisioned Fox Chapel's Nick Letters, 5-0, and will go against Hempfield's jake Kemerer.

P.J. Tasser (171) made it a clean sweep with a 16-3 major decision over Avonworth's Justin Okinski and will face North Allegheny's Karl DeCiantis next.

Ringgold had one winner and loser in the quarterfinals.

The Rams' Todd Miller (189) will face Norwin's Mike Salopek in the semifinals after decisioning North Hills' Tom McElwaine, 5-2.

Ringgold's Fred Garcia (171) lost 7-6 to West Allegheny's Jake Leninsky in the quarterfinals.

BVA's Bret Perry (130) advanced to this morning's consolation round at 10:30 with a pin in 4:48 over Ambridge's Richard Cantolina.

Losing in the first round consolations were Belle Vernon Area's Jesse Gauden (285) and Ringgold's Dean Mathies (112) and Mike Tokar (140).

Gauden was a 2-1 overtime loser to Waynesburg's Jacob Butcher while Mathies dropped a 5-2 decision to West Allegheny's Ken Scott and Tokar bowed 5-2 to Woodland Hills' Donald Kunkle.

Today's final round will start at 7 p.m.

The top three finishers in each weight class advance to the PIAA meet.

Charleroi's Grillo, Campbell advance

Friday wins put Cougar wrestlers into today's semifinal round.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

CHARLEROI — The first night of the WPIAL Class AA wrestling championships are in the books and two Charleroi Cougars have a chance to win a title.

Dave Grillo (189) and Ray Campbell (215) moved on with decision victories.

Grillo (20-7) defeated Valley's Kyle Dudley, 8-4, in overtime while Campbell (24-7) decisioned Keystone Oaks' John Kazalas, 6-4.

"He was pretty tired so I shot in and sat with him," Grillo said. "He had pressure on his upper body, so I was able to get him to his back."

"I am very happy with David," Charleroi coach Gregg Doerfler said. "He wrestled a very good, smart match."

Grillo moves to the semifinals to take on Jefferson-Morgan's Ethan Virgili (30-2).

"They have been wrestling each other since they were seven," Charleroi assistant coach Dave Grillo Sr. said. "Virgili has had the upper hand in their matches."

They faced off last week in the Section championships as they went into the third overtime before Virgili pulled out the win.

Campbell takes on top-seeded Dan Conley (22-4), of Burgettstown.

"I tried to get the lead and keep him from coming back," Campbell said. "Once I got ahead I was able to stay ahead."

"I was very happy with Ray," Doerfler said. "He showed a little more aggression."

Meanwhile, Charleroi's Ethan Radomile (285) pinned Shady Side Academy's Nick Cieseiski in 2:41 of a pigtail match before being decisioned by Burrell's Brian Beattie (28-9), 5-1.

The Cougars' Greg Black was defeated by Andy Blias of Shady Side Academy in a pigtail match.

Both Radomile (26-8) and Black have to do some work to make the Regionals next week in Johnstown.

Doerfler was happy with Grillo and Campbell while realizing the road will be tougher for Radomile and Black.

"All four of them know what they have to do," he said. "David and Ray have to keep doing what they are doing.

"Ethan and Greg will have to do that much more."

Today's semifinals will start at 9:30 a.m.

SPORTS

Paulino gets lesson from Sanguillen

Pirates' legend offers advice to current catcher.

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — One old Pittsburgh catcher gave the current one a lesson Friday at the Pirates' camp. Or rather gave it the best shot his body would allow.

Manny Sanguillen, who played for the Pirates' World Series champions in 1971 and 1979, was watching Ronny Paulino struggle to block or scoop low pitches during a drill.

Sanguillen watched quietly, as he has for most of camp, then walked out in front of the plate. He asked for a glove and mask and, despite being 63 and only months removed from major surgery on his right knee, asked

Ronny Paulino

to receive a pitch.

When it came low, he could barely bend, even though he tried. The ball skipped away, and he tried again — still in vain — to reach it.

When he asked for another pitch, the Pirates' staff stepped in to stop it.

"I wish I brought my regular gear," Sanguillen said later. "I just wanted to show everybody that you have to get the ball like an infielder. You have to go down and get it. Read the rotation. I used to practice third base, and I learned how to move my feet quickly and watch the ball into my glove."

Paulino and Pittsburgh's other catcher, Ryan Doumit, have been receiving extra defensive instruction throughout camp, but it is likely nothing got their attention quite like this.

"How about Manny?" Paulino said.

Doumit said: "He played back in the era when men were men. ... He would have gone out there without a mask unless we'd given it to him."

The Pirates declared early in the offseason that Paulino was their No. 1 catcher.

Doumit's status is less certain. He could be the backup catcher, he and Paulino could platoon, or Doumit could go to the outfield to keep his bat in the lineup while another backup catcher is found.

Sanguillen said he believes in both players.

"I think they can do the job," he said. "But you have to work for it."

Sanguillen is one of four former Pirates in camp as instructors. The others are Bill Mazeroski, Kent Tekulve and Bill Virdon. Also, Chuck Tanner, the manager of the 1979 championship team, was hired this offseason as a special assistant and is in camp.

NOTES: Reliever Byung-Hyun Kim, who agreed to terms with the Pirates Wednesday on a one-year contract, had his signing delayed another day. Now it is expected today .... Reliever Damaso Marte threw a 29-pitch bullpen session, his first pitching of the spring after a bout with the flu.... Owner Bob Nutting attended the workout for a second consecutive day.

Sampson out as Hoosiers' coach

$750,000 buyout offer accepted.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Kelvin Sampson tainted the Indiana basketball program's cleancut reputation. Now the Hoosiers are hoping the fallout doesn't do any further damage.

Sampson agreed to Indiana's offer of a $750,000 buyout Friday, waiving his right to sue the university for further damages, and turning the program over to interim coach Dan Dakich.

The athletic department's response to an NCAA report charging Sampson with five major NCAA rules violations may create an even bigger mess for the 15th-ranked Hoosiers, starting with today's game at Northwestern.

Some players threatened to sit out the game as a protest. However, athletic director Rick Greenspan, who asked for Sampson's resignation, said he expected the players to participate at Northwestern and the program to move forward after one of the darkest chapters in program history.

"I feel a significant disappointment, first and foremost, for our players," Greenspan said. "I think this is a very difficult thing for them to go through. It's a disappointment for the team, a disappointment for the fans of our university who I think take great pride in having been, for a long time, major infraction-free.

"But sometimes out of these situations come some very good things and I think that's the only way I can feel about it. We are going to move forward."

How quickly, or devotedly,

Kelvin Sampson

the players' follow is still a mystery.

Senior captain D.J. White, guards Armon Bassett, Jordan Crawford and Jamarcus Ellis, and forwards DeAndre Thomas and Brandon McGee skipped Dakich's first practice Friday afternoon. By Friday night's scheduled walkthrough, Greenspan said most if not all of the missing players were back and he expects them to leave for Chicago with the rest of the team this morning.

Sampson also offered players his support in a statement released by the university minutes before the official announcement was made.

"While I'm saddened that I will not have the opportunity to coach these student-athletes, I feel that this is in the best interest of the program for me to step away at this time," Sampson said. "I wish my players nothing but the best for the remainder of the season."

Sampson's two-year tenure at Indiana ended the same way it began, with an NCAA hearing scheduled for alleged rules infractions.

He took the Indiana job in March 2006 and two months later was penalized by the NCAA for making 577 impermissible phone calls between 2000 and 2004 when he was coaching Oklahoma.

Given the pending charges, many Indiana fans and some trustees thought it was a mistake to even hire Sampson.

And when the phone calls and accusations continued, it only created more angst among the fan-base.

"In retrospect, I think there should have been greater considerations," trustee Philip Eskew Jr. said. "But you talk to the man and he says, 'I'm not going to do that,' and I believe in giving guys second chances. But when he goes back on his word, that's something else."

The second wave of charges emerged in October when a university investigation found Sampson and his staff made more than 100 impermissible calls while still under recruiting restrictions and that Sampson participated in at least 10 three-way calls, another violation of the NCAA's punishment.

Greenspan called the violations secondary, imposing a one-year extension of the NCAA's recruiting restrictions and pulling a $500,000 raise. The Hoosiers also took away one scholarship for the 2008-09 season.

What the NCAA found, however, was far more serious. The report, released last week, claimed Sampson provided false and misleading information to investigators from both the university and the NCAA, failed to meet the "generally recognized high standard of honesty" expected in college sports and failed to promote an atmosphere of compliance within the program.

The allegations unleashed a torrent of criticism, and many fans booed Sampson during introductions during the Hoosiers' next three games. University president Michael McRobbie then announced the university would take a second look at the charges, setting a Friday deadline for Greenspan to make his recommendation.

Sampson never had a chance.

"I think that decision was formed shortly after the letter of allegations was received," Greenspan said. "I think shortly after our president said those allegations were troubling and deeply concerning and that we'd work through this is when we came to the conclusion."

Still, Greenspan worked long and hard to resolve the mess.

He met with the team Thursday night and worked in his office till nearly midnight. On Friday morning, he met briefly with Sampson in the coaches' office. A few minutes after Greenspan left the coach's office, Sampson walked down a ramp with his wife, Karen, went into another coaches' office was not seen again inside Assembly Hall.

If there was any doubt, it was virtually erased when players, managers, assistant coaches and the coach's son, Kellen Sampson, left a team meeting with dour expressions about midday.

Just before practice started, the depth of the problems took on another face.

While Indiana star freshman guard Eric Gordon said he expected to play against Northwestern, White and other players never showed up.

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Kelly Mornak reacts Friday after Monessen's playoff loss to Mt. Alvernia.

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the first seven points before Chukwuedo scored with 55 seconds to go to trim the lead to 69-64.

"We were flat in the second overtime," said Corley. "When we fell behind by four all we could do was foul."

Mt. Alvernia cashed in by making 10 of 15 free throws in the closing three minutes.

After a deadlocked first half at 28, Monessen took its biggest lead of the night at 40-32 with 2:12 left in the third quarter when Chukwuedo made a pair of baskets within 26 seconds. Samone Stepoli started the 6-0 run on a Chukwuedo assist.

The eight point lead, however, was short-lived because the Lions' Lisa Kaczynski hit successive 3-pointers in the next 64 seconds.

While Brown was killing Monessen inside with 10 points in the fourth quarter, so was 5-11 junior Kat Owunna with eight of her 17 points in the period.

"They're an all-around team," said Corley. "They were hard to beat because we couldn't match up with them. We just got outplayed."

LEFTOVERS: Chukwuedo topped Monessen with 22 points while Stepoli added 16 and Mornak 10 ... Jessica Beveridge, Monessen's top 3-point shooter, missed all four of her outside shots and failed to make any of her last 10 3-pointers in the past two games ... For the second straight game, Monessn failed to make a 3-pointer. Stepoli had 15 rebounds and Melissa Popovich nine ... Chukwuedo (8) and Mornak (7) combined for 15 assists ... Kaczynski finished with 19 points but had only one free throw after the third quarter. Mt. Alvernia won its eighth WPIAL title and first since 1998 ... Monessen will play Ferndale next Saturday in the first round of the PIAA playoffs.

Quest (FROM PAGE ONE)

However,Monessen committed a shooting foul six seconds later and Mt. Alvernia's Renee Brown calmly sank two free throws to force overtime.

"We told the girls to foul and they said they tried to foul, but ..." Corley said.

And the quest for the WPIAL title and perfection ended.

However, unlike the Patriots after they lost to the Giants in the Super Bowl, the Lady Greyhounds get a chance at redemption.

"We have a chance to go out in the states, play four good games and then get to play for a state title at Penn State," said Corley. "We still have that option, if we want to quit feeling sorry for ourselves."

The good thing about the state playoffs is that they don't get started for another week. That will give Monessen time to get over this loss. And make no mistake, the Lady Greyhounds will need time to get over the disappointment.

And even Corley isn't sure if his team will rebound from the pain and hurt from this one loss.

"In the past, only a couple of our teams have been able to get over losing in the WPIAL playoffs," he said. "We'll see if this team does.

"All I know is this one hurts pretty bad right now."

SPORTS DIGEST

Steelers release three veterans

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers have released three veteran players.

The team said Friday it terminated the contracts of tight end Jerame Tuman, linebacker Clint Kriewaldt and cornerback/kick returner Allen Rossum.

Tuman, picked in the fifth round in 1999, played in 121 games for the Steelers. He caught 43 passes for 500 yards and scored seven touchdowns.

Tuman, who started in 56 games, missed much of last season because of a back injury.

The Steelers signed Kriewaldt as an unrestricted free agent in 2003 and played in 74 games for Pittsburgh. He was placed on injured reserve in January with a neck injury.

Rossum was acquired in September from the Atlanta Falcons for a conditional 2008 draft pick.

A 10-year veteran, Rossum led the Steelers with 38 kickoff returns for 885 yards and a 98-yard kickoff return for a touchdown against San Francisco.

Angels' Rodriguez loses, gets $10 million

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) -- The Los Angeles Angels defeated Francisco Rodriguez in salary arbitration Friday, and the closer will receive $10 million rather than his request for $12.5 million.

Despite the loss, Rodriguez tied the record for the highest salary in an arbitration decision, a mark he shares with Alfonso Soriano, who lost his case against Washington in 2006, and Ryan Howard. Howard beat Philadelphia on Thursday.

The decision on Rodriguez was made by arbitrators Stephen Goldberg, Elizabeth Neumeier and Steven Wolf, who heard arguments Thursday in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Rodriguez made $7.1 million last year, when he tied for second in the AL with 40 saves. He is eligible for free agency after this season.

Owners won six of eight cases that went to hearings this year.

Falcons win coin flip for third pick

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - The Atlanta Falcons won a coin toss for the third pick in the NFL draft April 26.

Oakland will go fourth and Kansas City fifth.

All three teams finished the 2007 season with identical 4-12 records.

Trivia answer

Montana Tech.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

John Russell drove the length of the floor to score the winning basket with two seconds left in Belle Vernon Area's 63-62 win over Wilkinsburg in the WPIAL quarterfinals at the Civic Arena. Russell finished with a game-high 23 points.

Delmore Beshore scored 25 points in California State College's 102-91 win over LaRoche.

California State College was looking for a new athletic director after school president Dr. John Watkins announced AD Roy Terry would be assigned new responsibilities.

Pittsburgh Steeler defensive coordinator Bud Carson resigned.

20 Years Ago

Geibel's girls edged Mon Valley Catholic, 62-61, in overtime to snap the Lady Spartans' 27-game section winning streak. Holli Martos and Dawn Ghilani both had 18 points for MVC.

San Francisco quarterback Joe Montana underwent surgery for an inflammation of the right elbow.

Terri Kuvinka had 22 points in Monessen's 66-40 romp over California.

Elizabeth Forward routed Ringgold, 84-37, behind Amy Lehner's 26 points.

10 Years Ago

Ray Sherman replaced Chan Gailey as the Pittsburgh Steelers' offensive coordinator.

The WPIAL suspended Monessen cager Nicole Naccarato for the semifinal game with Quigley for allegedly biting West Greene's Vicki Martin in a contest earlier in the season.

SPORTS

Tiger Woods

Woods wins duel with Baddeley

MARANA, Ariz. (AP) — Tiger Woods made 12 birdies in 20 holes and needed every one of them Friday in a brilliant duel with Aaron Baddeley that sent the world's No. 1 player into the quarterfinals of the Accenture Match Play Championship.

Rarely has Woods played at such a high level, only to have another player match him step for step, birdie for birdie.

Baddeley, who shot 80 in the final round of the U.S. Open the last he played alone with Woods, was 1 up with three holes to play and twice had putts to end the match.

A tough, 10-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole broke sharply below the hole, and Baddeley's 12-foot eagle putt on the 19th hole burned the left edge of the cup, giving Woods new life.

Woods' final birdie was from 13 feet, and it was good all the way. He removed his cap when the ball was still a foot away from dropping, and he looked relieved after winning his longest match in his nine years at this tense tournament.

Baddeley made 10 birdies, including five in a row to start the back nine.

Woods advanced to the quarterfinals for the fifth time in nine years. He will face K.J. Choi, a 1-up winner over Paul Casey.

The Americans, who started the tournament with a record-low 20 players, now have one player still remaining in each of the four brackets.

Woody Austin easily handled Boo Weekley, 3 and 2, to advance to play defending champion Henrik Stenson, who hung on to beat Jonathan Byrd.

Stewart Cink took advantage of sloppy play by Colin Montgomerie to deny the Scot valuable world ranking points, winning 4 and 2. Cink will play U.S. Open champion Angel Cabrera, who made six birdies on the front nine and beat Steve Stricker, 4 and 3.

Lee, Chamberlain ready for any role

Experimenting is common in spring training.

By The Associated Press

Derrek Lee is happy hitting anywhere in the Chicago Cubs' lineup, and Joba Chamberlain is ready to be a starter or reliever for the New York Yankees.

Justin Morneau, however, knows exactly what his role is with Minnesota.

The 2006 AL MVP will be counted on for more than home runs and RBIs now that Torii Hunter, Johan Santana and Carlos Silva are gone. The Twins have a gaping hole atop the clubhouse hierarchy, and Morneau has the credentials to fill it after agreeing to an $80 million, six-year contract extension in January.

But does he have the personality to take on such leadership?

"I think those kinds of things just sort of happen," Morneau said Friday in Fort Myers, Fla. "If you work hard and play well, guys see what you're doing and follow your example.

"I don't think we need anybody right now to be in the clubhouse every morning and telling everybody what they need to be doing. The way it's always been around here is if a guy has something to say to somebody else, usually we pull them aside. We don't try to embarrass anybody in front of the group."

Lee made it clear early on at Cubs camp that he doesn't care where he bats. Chicago manager Lou Piniella plans to experiment with his batting order this spring to see where Kosuke Fukudome can best help the team. The Japanese star might hit third, a spot where he feels most comfortable.

That would mean a drop from third to fourth for Lee, the 2005 NL batting champion, and a switch from fourth to fifth for last year's team RBI leader, Aramis Ramirez.

"Whatever makes this team win games," Lee said in Mesa, Ariz.

He's had an informal discussion with batting coach Gerald Perry about the move, and Piniella said he'll talk to his first baseman about it as well.

Chamberlain threw batting practice in Tampa, Fla., for the first time this spring and said he's not worried about where he fits on the Yankees' pitching staff.

The 22-year-old right-hander, 2-0 with a 0.38 ERA in 19 relief appearances as a rookie last year, will likely begin this season in the bullpen before joining the rotation.

"Everything in life is uncertain," he said. "It doesn't matter to me. Just to be thought of in both aspects I think is an honor."

Even senior vice president Hank Steinbrenner took time to watch Chamberlain throw 27 pitches, taking in the session from his fourth-floor office.

"It's always fun watching Joba," Steinbrenner said.

Chamberlain's arm has already impressed new Yankees manager Joe Girardi.

"It's just explosive stuff," Girardi said. "Just a good, old-fashioned, power arm."

Nomar Garciaparra might need several gloves when he breaks camp with the Los Angeles Dodgers, though a catcher's mitt probably won't be one of them.

High school basketball playoffs

Boys
Class AAAA
Championship
Central Catholic 55, Moon 54
Class AAA
Championship
Today
At Palumbo Center
9 p.m. - Blackhawk (22-5) vs Hopewell (21-5)
Class AA
Today
Championship
At Palumbo Center
1 p.m. - Beaver Falls (22-3) vs Jeannette (19-4)
Class A
Championship
Serra 76, Wilkinsburg 61

Girls
Class AAAA
Championship
Today
At Palumbo Center
7 p.m. - Upper St. Clair (21-5) vs Peters Township (20-7)
Class AAA
Championship
Today
At Palumbo Center
3 p.m. - Hampton (25-2) vs West Mifflin (24-3)
Class AA
Championship
Today
At Palumbo Center
11 a.m. - Sacred Heart (25-1) vs South Park (20-8)
Class A
Championship
Mt. Alvernia 74, Monessen 68

High school lineups

Mt. Alvernia - 74
Owunna, 7-3-17; Kaczynski, 6-3-19; Holko, 1-2-4; McIntosh, 0-0-0; Brown, 11-12-34; Butler, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 25, F - 20 (29), T - 74.
Monessen - 68
Chukwuedo, 8-6-22; Mornak, 4-2-10; Minardi, 3-0-6; Stepoli, 7-2-16; Popovich, 4-0-8; Beveridge, 2-0-4; Diggs, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 29, F - 10 (18), T - 68.
Score by quarters:
Monessen 16 12 14 16 4 6 - 68
Mt. Alver. 12 16 12 18 4 12 - 74
Three-pointers: Mt. Alvernia - Kaczynski 3.

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	35	21	5	75	164	145
Pittsburgh	35	21	5	75	182	165
N.Y. Rangers	30	24	8	68	157	155
N.Y. Islanders	30	25	7	67	154	176
Philadelphia	30	25	6	66	187	177

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	35	20	6	76	206	180
Montreal	33	20	9	75	196	177
Boston	31	23	6	68	160	164
Buffalo	30	23	8	68	182	170
Toronto	25	28	9	59	169	199

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	31	28	5	67	188	204
Washington	28	26	7	63	173	188
Atlanta	29	29	4	62	168	200
Florida	27	29	7	61	173	183
Tampa Bay	25	29	7	57	174	198

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	42	16	5	89	199	137
Nashville	32	23	8	72	183	175
St. Louis	28	23	9	65	158	169
Columbus	28	26	9	65	153	166
Chicago	28	26	6	62	169	169

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	34	22	5	73	169	166
Calgary	32	22	8	72	178	177
Vancouver	31	22	8	70	163	156
Colorado	30	25	6	66	167	169
Edmonton	27	30	5	59	166	188

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	38	22	5	81	190	160
Anaheim	34	23	7	75	159	159
San Jose	32	21	8	72	159	150
Phoenix	31	26	4	66	169	168
Los Angeles	26	34	3	55	181	206

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Friday's Games
Edmonton at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Calgary, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Today's Games
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.
Chicago at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 5 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Florida at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Calgary at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
San Jose at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 3 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

Big East standings

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Georgetown	11	3	21	4
Louisville	11	3	21	6
Connecticut	10	3	21	5
Notre Dame	10	3	20	5
Marquette	9	5	19	6
Cincinnati	8	5	13	12
Pittsburgh	7	6	19	7
West Virginia	7	6	18	8
Syracuse	7	7	17	10
Villanova	6	7	16	9
Seton Hall	5	8	15	11
DePaul	5	8	10	15
Providence	4	10	13	13
St. John's	4	10	10	15
USF	2	12	11	16
Rutgers	2	12	10	17

Today's Games
Connecticut at Villanova, noon
Cincinnati at Georgetown, noon
Rutgers at Marquette, 2 p.m.
St. John's at Duke, 4 p.m.
Providence at West Virginia, 7 p.m.
DePaul at Seton Hall, 8 p.m.

Dany Heatley and the Ottawa Senators will face the Penguins at 3 p.m. on Fox Sports.

Weekend sports dial

Today
Television
10 a.m. - Golf Channel - WGC Accenture Match Play Championship, golf.
11 a.m. - ESPN2 - Virginia Commonwealth at Akron, college basketball.
Noon - ESPN - Connecticut at Villanova, college basketball.
Noon - Fox Sports - Baylor at Iowa State, women's college basketball.
1 p.m. - ESPN2 - George Mason at Ohio college basketball.
2 p.m. - Channel 2 - Arkansas at Kentucky, college basketball.
2 p.m. - Channel 11 - WGC Accenture Match Play Championship, golf.
2 p.m. - ESPN - Iowa at Michigan State, college basketball.
3 p.m. - ESPN2 - Creighton at Oral Roberts, college basketball.
3 p.m. - Fox Sports - Ottawa at Pittsburgh, hockey.
3:30 p.m. - Channel 4 - Oklahoma at Texas, college basketball.
4 p.m. - Channel 2 - St. John's at Duke, college basketball.
4 p.m. - ESPN - Wendy's Champion Skins Game, golf.
5 p.m. - ESPN2 - Drake at Butler, college football.
6:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - Fields Open, women's golf.
7 p.m. - Fox Sports - Providence at West Virginia, college basketball.
7:30 p.m. - ESPN2 - Stater Brothers 300, auto racing.
8:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - Mayakoba Classic, golf.
9 p.m. - ESPN - Tennessee at Memphis, college basketball.
9 p.m. - Fox Sports - Villanova at West Virginia, women's college basketball.
9:30 p.m. - HBO - Sultan Ibragimov vs Wladimir Klitschko, boxing.
11 p.m. - Fox Sports - Arizona at Washington State, college basketball.
Midnight - ESPN2 - Kent State at St. Mary's, college basketball.
Radio
5:30 p.m. - WCAL (91.9 FM) - California at Indiana, women's college basketball.
7:30 p.m. - WCAL (91.9 FM) - California at Indiana, college basketball.
Sunday
Television
10 a.m. - Golf Channel - WGC Accenture Match Play Championship, golf.
12:30 p.m. - ESPN - Denny's World Championship, bowling.
1 p.m. - ESPN2 - Michigan State at Purdue, women's college basketball.
2 p.m. - Channel 2 - Syracuse at Notre Dame, college basketball.
2 p.m. - Channel 11 - WGC Accenture Match Play Championship, golf.
2:30 p.m. - Channel 4 - Detroit at Phoenix, pro basketball.
2:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Washington at Arizona State, women's college basketball.
3 p.m. - ESPN2 - Texas A&M at Texas, women's college basketball.
3:30 p.m. - Channel 53 - Auto Club 500, auto racing.
4 p.m. - Channel 2 - Wisconsin at Ohio State, college basketball.
4 p.m. - ESPN - Wendy's Champions Skins Game, golf.
4:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - North Carolina State at Virginia, college basketball.
5 p.m. - ESPN2 - AT&T U.S. Indoor Championships, track and field.
6:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Wake Forest at North Carolina, college basketball.
8 p.m - ESPN - Chicago at Houston, pro basketball.
9 p.m. - Fox Sports - California at Stanford, college basketball.
Monday
2 a.m. - Fox Sports - Kansas at Missouri, women's college basketball.

College basketball

MEN
EAST
Brown 67, Columbia 52
Cornell 85, Yale 65
Harvard 74, Princeton 67, OT
Penn 88, Dartmouth 62
SOUTH
Belmont 74, Lipscomb 65
Davidson 60, Winthrop 47
Longwood 79, Liberty 68
MIDWEST
N. Dakota St. 63, S. Dakota St. 60
FAR WEST
Texas-Pan American 67, CS Bakersfield 60
Utah St. 72, UC Santa Barbara 59
WOMEN
EAST
Canisius 64, Rider 51
Columbia 81, Brown 55
Cornell 74, Yale 64
Dartmouth 62, Penn 47
Harvard 65, Princeton 51
Iona 76, Siena 72
Niagara 73, Loyola, Md. 63
SOUTH
Duke 72, Virginia Tech 60

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	41	11	.788	—
Toronto	29	24	.547	12 1/2
New Jersey	24	31	.436	18 1/2
Philadelphia	24	32	.429	19
New York	17	38	.309	25 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	35	22	.614	—
Washington	25	29	.463	8 1/2
Atlanta	21	30	.412	11
Charlotte	19	36	.345	15
Miami	9	43	.173	23 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	40	15	.727	—
Cleveland	31	24	.564	9
Chicago	22	32	.407	17 1/2
Indiana	22	33	.400	18
Milwaukee	20	35	.364	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	37	16	.698	—
San Antonio	36	17	.679	1
Dallas	36	19	.655	2
Houston	35	20	.636	3
Memphis	14	41	.255	24

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	35	19	.648	—
Denver	33	21	.611	2
Portland	29	25	.537	6
Seattle	14	39	.264	20 1/2
Minnesota	11	42	.208	23 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	37	17	.685	—
Phoenix	37	17	.685	—
Golden State	33	21	.611	4
Sacramento	26	28	.481	11
L.A. Clippers	18	33	.353	17 1/2

Friday's Games
Philadelphia at Orlando, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Boston at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.
Today's Games
Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m.
Indiana at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
New Orleans at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Detroit at Phoenix, 2:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Boston at Portland, 6 p.m.
New York at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Memphis at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Houston, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Seattle, 9 p.m.

PSAC standings

Men
Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
California	9	0	20	4
Edinboro	8	1	19	5
Clarion	6	4	14	10
Indiana	4	5	12	12
Slippery Rock	4	5	7	17
Lock Haven	2	8	2	22
Shippensburg	0	10	6	19

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Cheyney	9	1	17	7
Kutztown	8	2	16	8
Millersville	7	2	18	6
East Stroudsburg	4	5	16	8
Mansfield	3	6	15	9
West Chester	2	7	11	13
Bloomsburg	0	10	8	16

Today
California at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Lock Haven at Edinboro
Slippery Rock at Shippensurg
Kutztown at Cheyney
Millersville at East Stroudsburg
Mansfield at West Chester
DeSales at Bloomsburg

Women
Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Indiana	8	1	23	2
Clarion	7	3	17	7
California	6	3	19	5
Shippensburg	5	5	17	8
Edinboro	4	5	15	9
Lock Haven	2	8	7	17
Slippery Rock	1	8	7	17

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	9	0	20	4
West Chester	7	2	16	8
Cheyney	6	4	10	14
East Stroudsburg	4	5	10	13
Kutztown	4	6	11	14
Bloomsburg	2	8	7	18
Mansfield	1	8	6	18

Today
California at Indiana, 5:30 p.m.
Slippery Rock at Shippensburg
Lock Haven at Edinboro
Kutztown at Cheyney
Millersville at East Stroudsburg
Mansfield at West Chester

Sports moves

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Agreed to terms with RHP Chris Bootcheck, OF Nathan Haynes, INF Howie Kendrick, RHP Dustin Moseley, RHP Jered Weaver and INF Brandon Wood on one-year contracts.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with OF Trot Nixon on a minor league contract.
CINCINNATI REDS—Released INF-OF Craig Wilson.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Called up F Kaniel Dickens and G Billy Thomas from Colorado (NBADL).
NEW JERSEY NETS—Waived C Jamaal Magloire.
PHOENIX SUNS—Signed F Linton Johnson to a 10-day contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed WR Bam Childress to a two-year contract.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Released TE Jerame Tuman, LB Clint Kriewaldt and CB-KR Allen Rossum.

Bill HUGHES

Mayweather, Show at 'Mania

At last week's No Way Out PPV, the Big Show returned by doing an in-ring promo following the World title match between Edge and Rey Mysterio.

Earlier in the night, Mysterio was seen backstage with Floyd Mayweather, the current WBC welterweight champion (147-pounds).

After the world title match ended and Show entered the ring to do his promo, he kept looking at the injured Mysterio at ringside.

With an annoyed look, Show went out and brought Mysterio into the ring while taunting Mayweather.

Mayweather, considered by most to be the best pound-for-pound boxer in the world, leaped the barrier and got into the ring.

Show released Mysterio and continued to taunt Mayweather by getting on his knees to show their height difference, but Mayweather quickly landed three or four punches to Show's face and legitimately breaking his nose.

The angle continued the next night on Raw with Show challenging Mayweather to a fight. although it was not announced what kind of fight or when it would happen.

The bout will take place at WrestleMania, and while it has yet to be decided what kind of match it would be, Show did say Monday night that he could beat Mayweather "in two minutes."

While the WWE is going to get a lot of mainstream publicity through this angle, it has to realize that come Mania, the crowd is going to be very pro-Big Show.

Wrestling fans want to see wrestling. And while Show may not get a huge ovation, look for Mayweather to be booed unmercifully.

A press conference will be held at 3 p.m. Monday to discuss Show and Mayweather.

Mysterio surgery

If he has not already done so, Mysterio will be having surgery on his torn biceps. Look for him to be out for six months.

Another study bashes wrestling

Once again, a report has come out and all but blamed the world's problems on professional wrestling.

Earlier this week, the Southern Medical Journal reported that teens who watch wrestling take more health risks.

Researchers talked with 2,300 American teenagers between the ages of 16 and 20 and found that they are more likely to be violent, and to smoke, among other things.

Are you serious?

First off, the report discusses teenagers but did the study on 16 to 20-year olds. Last time I checked, you are not a teenager at age 20.

Pro wrestling is too violent? Maybe the Journal should do a report on how violent football, boxing, and MMA are.

And they say wrestling helps make teens smoke?

No one smokes on soap operas or anything.

Who approves these absurd research projects, any way?

TNA's first live date

As reported a few weeks ago in this column, TNA is toying with the idea of having Impact going live every other week.

It appears the first live edition may be March 21.

Happy birthday to a special fan

I want to take a moment to wish my niece (and number one little fan) Abbey Zuraw a happy first birthday.

She turned one yesterday and has already learned to make Uncle Billy melt. I wonder how she will react when she sees someone hitting me in a match!

COMICS

CATHY® by Cathy Guisewite

WHY WERE OVERWEIGHT: SUPER-SIZED FRIEND-SHIPS
CLICK!
WHEN THEY ANNOUNCED THAT OBESITY RUNS IN SOCIAL CIRCLES, THEY PREDICTED IT WOULD RUIN FRIENDSHIPS ... BUT HERE WE ARE!
HAH!
"IF ONE IS OBESE, THE OTHERS HAVE A 71% CHANCE OF BECOMING OBESE"...DID THEY REALLY THINK THAT WOULD DRIVE US APART?!
HAH!
WE'VE NEVER BEEN MORE COMMITTED TO STAYING BY EACH OTHER'S SIDES!
SHE'LL HAVE A SMALL DRY SALAD AND A CUP OF WATER!

GARFIELD® by Jim Davis

THE BRAVE CAT VENTURES FORTH INTO UNCHARTED TERRITORY!
JIM DAVIS 2-23
DID YOU COME TO HELP ME SORT MY SOCKS?
AAAAAND BACK TO CHARTED TERRITORY

ARLO and JANIS® by Jimmy Johnson

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DO YOU THINK DOGS CHANGE AS THEY GET OLDER LIKE PEOPLE?
I'M SURE THEY DO..
I CAN'T READ THE FINE PRINT AS WELL ANYMORE
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MONTY® by Jim Meddick

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ADIOS DUDE.
BYE.
BUT YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME HERE!
DON'T WORRY, PROFESSOR...
WE AT INTERMILLENNIAL TRAVEL TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN OUR ON-COORDINATE PERFORMANCE RECORD... AS SOON AS I GET BACK, I'LL MEET WITH OUR QUALITY ASSURANCE TEAM AND WE'LL HAVE YOU HOME IN NO TIME!
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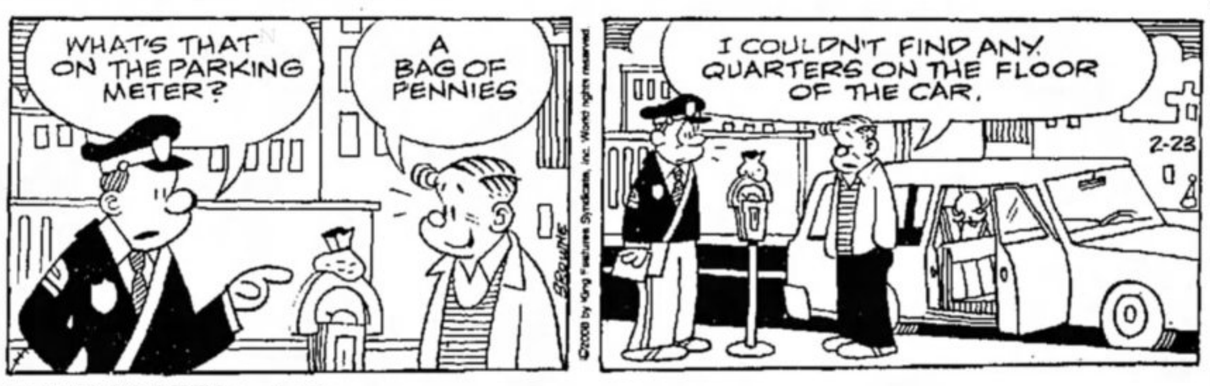

BEETLE BAILEY® by Mort Walker

REMEMBER, MEN, YOU HAVE BUT ONE LIFE TO LIVE, SO LIVE IT WELL
YOU HAVE BUT ONE BODY, SO DON'T HARM IT, KEEP IT SAFE
2-23
THANKS, CHAPLAIN. OKAY, MEN, THAT'S IT. TIME FOR COMBAT TRAINING!
GREG+ MORT WALKER

BORN LOSER® by Art Sansom

THERE'S A MAJOR FLU OUTBREAK IN OUR AREA.
WHAT DO YOU KEEP STARING AT?
I'M WAITIN' FOR YOU TO COME DOWN WITH SOMETHIN'!
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GRIZZWELLS® by Bill Schorr

GEE, I SURE LOVED DAVY CROCKETT WHEN I WAS A KID
NO KIDDING?
DID YOU GO OUT WITH HIM BEFORE YOU MET FLORA?
DO YOU EVER LISTEN TO YOURSELF?

COW AND BOY® by Mark Leiknes

OUR PATH TO ENLIGHTENMENT IS SHROUDED BY THE ECONOMIC PRISONS WE'VE CREATED FOR OURSELVES. IN OUR QUEST FOR THE MATERIAL, WE'VE FORGOTTEN WHAT IS TRULY IMPORTANT.
ONLY WHEN WE BREAK THESE CONSUMERIST CHAINS AND REALIZE TRUE HAPPINESS IS ACHIEVED THRU HELPING OUR FELLOW MAN, WILL WE EVER BE FREE, AND IN TURN, ENLIGHTENED.
NOW, PASS THAT GRAVY.

FRANK and ERNEST® by Bob Thaves

HERMAN® by Jim Unger

"She never wants to go out."

KIT'N' CARLYLE® by Larry Wright

SOUP TO NUTZ™ by Rick Stromoski

WHERE DOES GOD LIVE? YES, ANDREW?
HE LIVES IN THE LADIES' ROOM AT CHURCH...
...CAUSE I LOOKED ALL OVER ONE SUNDAY AND THAT'S THE ONLY ROOM I DIDN'T CHECK...

BIG NATE® by Lincolin Peirce

HEY, HOW COME YOU'RE NOT EATING?
DON'T WANT TO.
DON'T WANT TO? BUT YOU'RE THE FOOD CRITIC!
IT'S A PERSONAL DECISION, THAT'S ALL
AS A RED SOX FAN, I JUST CAN'T EAT SOMETHING CALLED "YANKEE POT ROAST."
OH, BROTHER.
YOU GONNA FINISH THOSE PRETZELS?

ALLEY OOP® by Dave Graue

SICK? ME?! WHERE'D Y'GET THAT IDEA?
WHY, THAT'S WHAT ARLO SAID!
ARLO? THAT LITTLE KID? WHY WOULD HE BE SAYIN' THAT? I HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN HIM SINCE I GOT BACK!

MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

AFTER THROWING SAND IN MARK'S FACE, BRICE LUNGES FOR THE RIFLE
HEY, LOOK, OVER THERE...I THINK IT'S MARK FIGHTING WITH SOMEONE!
JACK ELROD

The Valley Independent Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Orange veggies
5 Chase flies
9 Unit of work
12 Archeologist's find
13 Wildlife refuge
14 Don Ho's neckwear
15 Horseback sport
16 Sets free
18 Gave rise to
20 Strong brown paper
21 Coat rack
22 Winding curve
23 Expensive watch
26 Football shape
30 Lounge
33 Smoked salmon
34 Designate
35 Bahrain VIP
37 Notify
39 Turn down
40 Category
41 Up to
43 Psyche parts
45 Right, on a map
48 Billow
51 Amble
54 Banana-like fruit
56 Inspect the joint
57 Connections
58 Latin I verb
59 La senorita
60 Phone bug
61 Hoarfrost
62 Pants feature

DOWN

1 Small barks
2 Pass a bill
3 Wisdom tooth
4 Further behind
5 Veer off-course
6 Clock part
7 Catch cold
8 Emphathizes
9 Bride in "Lohengrin"
10 Scuba site
11 Sum and substance
17 Actor — Welles
19 Motel sign
22 Praise to the skies
24 Water lily
25 Neck and neck
27 FedEx truck
28 Left Bank pal
29 Caesar's law
30 Casino action
31 Author — Tan
32 Jag
36 Rule
38 Stead
42 Jousting weapons
44 Impede
46 Musty
47 Famed electrical pioneer
48 Rotisserie part
49 Longest arm bone
50 Talk hoarsely
51 Where Anna taught
52 — meridiem
53 Juice a grapefruit
55 "Exodus" hero

Answer to Previous Puzzle

M	A	Y	A			J	O	B		F	O	P
A	L	I	B	I		O	U	R		O	R	O
S	E	N	O	R		T	I	E	B	A	C	K
			U	K	E	S		A	L	L	A	Y
	A	N	T	I	C		S	K	I			
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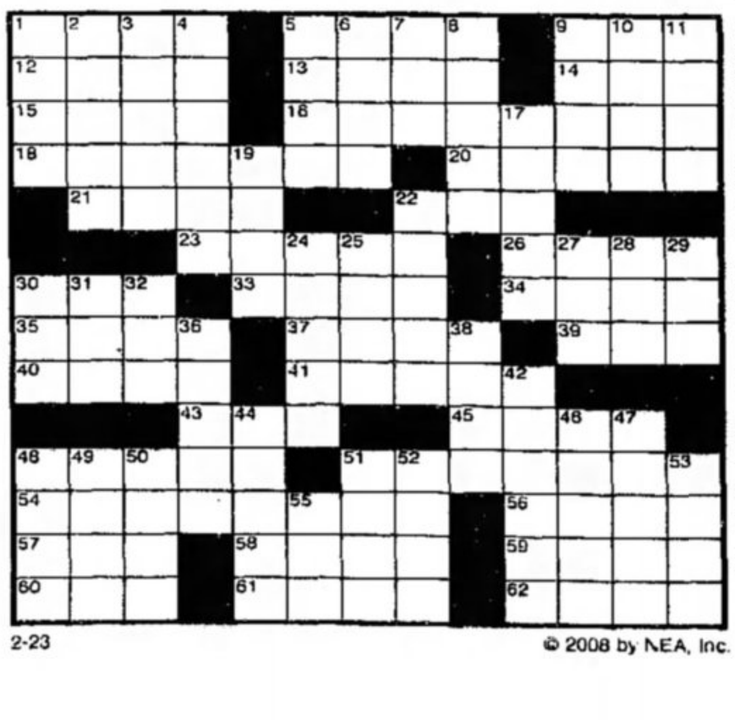

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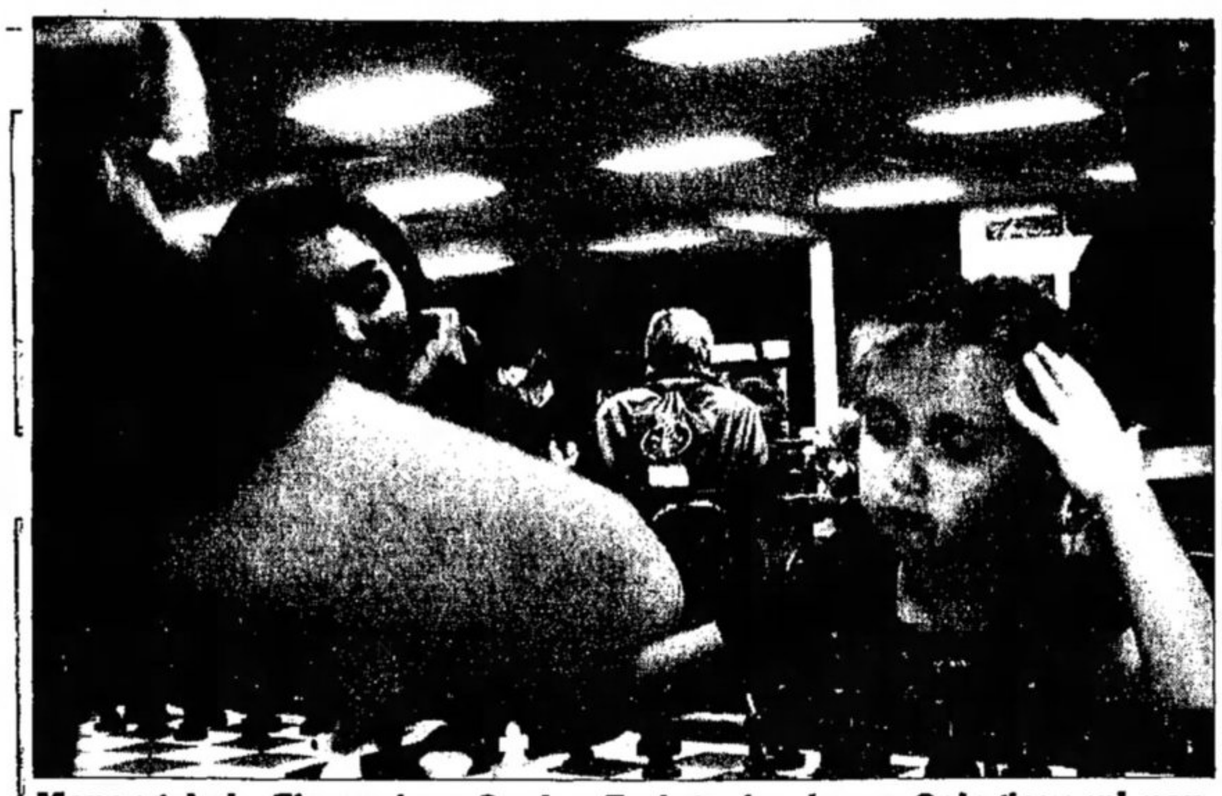


Monongahela Elementary Center first-grader Jenna Colagiovanni ponders a chess move. Her opponent, teacher Laura Boyd, left, obtained a grant to purchase chess sets to teach the students strategy and problem-solving. Jenna's mom, Kelly Colagiovanni, is watching the game.

First-graders learn from chess

Monongahela Elementary Center first-graders are unknowingly boosting their critical thinking skills, memory and decision-making abilities.

Teacher Laura Boyd obtained a grant from the Mon Valley Education Consortium to purchase chess boards and resource materials to help her students learn the game.

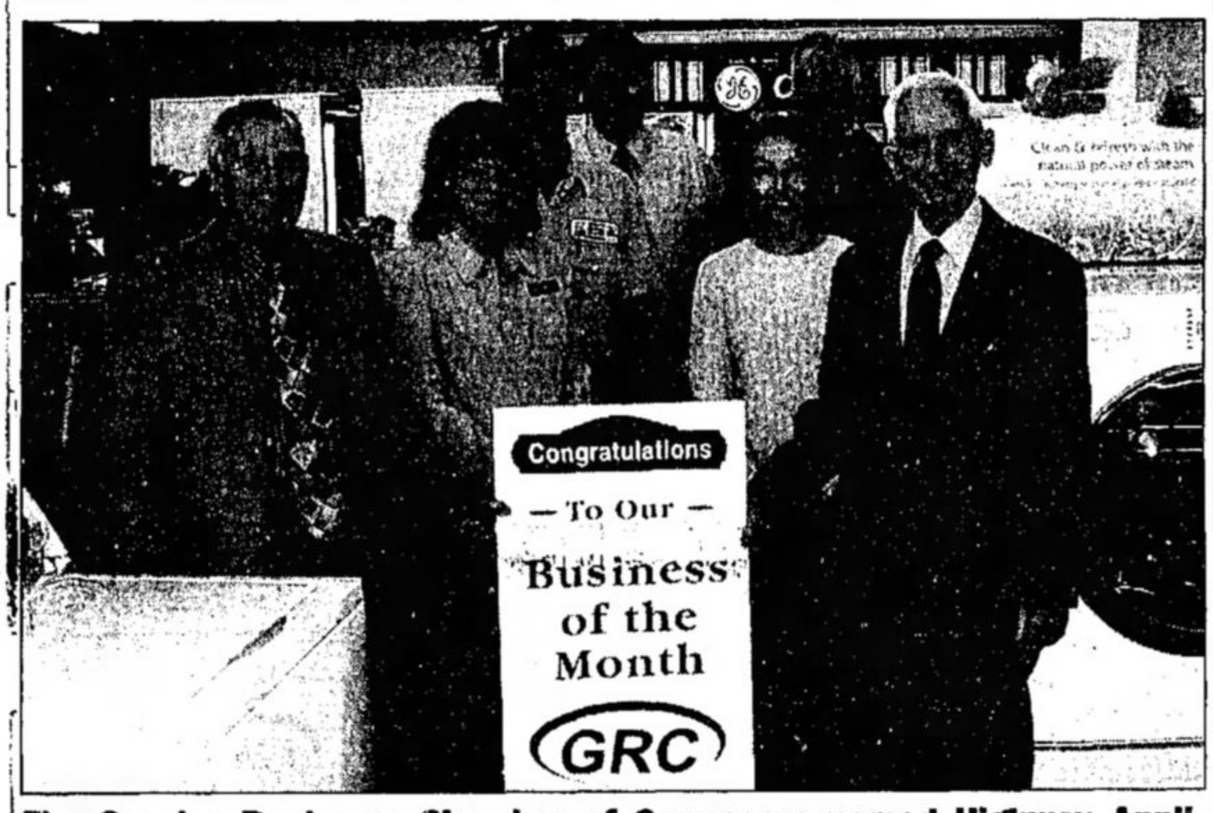
Boyd purchased chess sets for the classroom, a demonstration board and two "family sets." Students can sign out the latter and take them home.

The project has received high grades from both students and their families, Boyd said.

Boyd led a Family Chess Night last school year.

Another such event will take place in the coming months.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about strategy and problem-solving, all while enjoying a fun game with their classmates and families, Boyd explained



The Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce named Highway Appliance, Route 88, Dunlevy, as its February business of the month. Locally owned and operated, Highway Appliance has been in business for more than 60 years. It prides itself on customer satisfaction. From left are Tom Mimidis, chamber executive board; Charmelle Stasicha; Chris Vesely; Jerry Zahand Jr., owner; Kathy Vercoe; Eric Cerini, chamber president; and Andrew H. Solan, chamber executive board.

Three area couples took *The Valley Independent* on vacation to Freeport in the Bahamas. From left are Terry and Susan Lape, of Belle Vernon; Lenny and Linda Nix, of Belle Vernon; and Joe and Louise Garcia, of North Charleroi.

IN THE SERVICE

Training completed

U.S. Marine Corps Pvt. William Richards Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

He is the son of Jodi L. Shidel, of West Newton, and Ronald K. Seabol, of North Huntindgon.

CALENDAR WATCH

Sunday

■"Souper" Sunday, Seven Dolors Church, Yukon, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

■Train show and sale, New Eagle VFD social hall, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■Mon Valley Branch NAACP Black History Program, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Monessen, 3 p.m.

■Pancake supper, Star Junction Fish and Game Club, 4 to 7 p.m.

■Spaghetti dinner, Speers United Methodist Church, Charleroi, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Monday

■Washington Township Area Senior Citizens meeting, Center on the Hill, 7 p.m.

■American Legion Auxiliary Unit 22, of Charleroi, meeting, post, 7 p.m.

■Belle Vernon Area Football and Cheerleading Booster Association meeting, high school, 7 p.m.

■Genealogical Forum, Monessen Public Library, 6 to 8 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Meet the candidates night set at WCCC

The Fifth District Democratic Club will sponsor a Meet the Candidates Night 7 p.m. Thursday at Westmoreland County Community College.

Valley Seniors Club to meet

The Valley Seniors Club will meet 1 p.m. Thursday at Riverside Place, Charleroi.

Volunteers needed for Meals on Wheels

The Monongahela Meals on Wheels program is in need of volunteers for daily routes as drivers or runners. Volunteers can work as many or as few days as offered. The routes take 1 to 2 hours to complete. To volunteer, call the Monongahela Senior Center at (724) 258-9511.

Job assistance events planned

The Mon Valley Initiative will offer job search assistance 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Mon Valley Careerlink, 570 Galiffa Drive, Donora. For information, call Debbie Brown at (724) 379-4750, or the MVI Monessen office at (724) 684-4294.

Spaghetti dinner set

A spaghetti dinner to benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life will take place 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Pasta Shoppe, 509 Donner Ave., Monessen. For takeouts, call (724) 684-3903.

MAKING THE GRADE

Charleroi Rotary honors Mudrick

Mudrick

The Charleroi Rotary Club named Maribeth Mudrick as its student of the month.

A Charleroi Area High School senior, she has been active with basketball, girls' softball, Astronomy Club and The Future is Mine.

She has received include the Zonta Club of Washington award, Amelia Earhart Award.

She has been named Charthene Club girl of the month.

Penn State confers degrees

The following received degrees from Penn State University:

Belle Vernon – Nick Francia, Ciara Petros and Michael Sweeney.

Bentleyville – Matthew Anderson and Kadie Vanderman.

Buena Vista – Daniel Brieck.

Dawson – Curtis Tringhese and Garrett Weaver.

Elizabeth – Kristen Englert and Sarah Suchy.

Fayette City – Leigh Bower.

Finleyville – Philip Tullai.

Perryopolis – Charles Gasdick.

Smithton – Michael Reho.

Sutersville – Benjamin Salvio.

Venetia – Kelly Hayduk and Ronald Sopko.

West Newton – Catherine Balko and Camille Saxberg.

Garrett makes Duquesne list

Jessica Garrett posted a 4.0 grade-point average and was named to the dean's list at Duquesne University. She is the daughter of Bo and Felicia Garrett, of Monongahela.

Scholarships available

The Pennsylvania Association of Mortgage Brokers will present scholarships to five area students.

The scholarship are based on commitment to academics, learning, achievement and community service.

Each recipient will receive $500 and a certificate of recognition. The application deadline is April 30.

Candidates must:

■ Maintain good standing at school and maintain an overall 2.5 grade point average.

■ Demonstrate exceptional community service at school, church, or employment.

■ Be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary educational program during the following academic year.

■ Must be sponsored by Pennsylvania Association of Mortgage Brokers member.

The awards honor George Hanzimanolis, a member who was named the 2004 National Mortgage Broker of the Year.

For applications, visit www.pamb.org or call 888-311-7262.

Ingram makes dean's list

Zachary Ingram posted a 4.0 grade-point average and was named to the fall-semester president's list status at West Virginia University.

He is the son of Janice Ingram, of Monongahela. He is the grandson of Charles and Alice Ingram and Mike and Toots Taddeo, all of Monongahela.

Gillie makes Pitt dean's list

Sophomore psychology major Brandon Gillie was named to the fall dean's list at the University of Pittsburgh.

He has been inducted into the Sigma Alpha Lambda, national leadership and honors organization.

A 2006 Belle Vernon Area High School graduate, he is the son of Robert and Renee Gillie, of West Newton.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: I equals J

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Pysanky is a delicate art

Egg decorating has been an Easter tradition for thousands of years.

By MARILYN FORBES
For The Valley Independent

For thousands of years, the technique of Pysanky has been used to decorate eggs.

Pysanky translated means "to write." It's an art form of beauty and symbolism.

Through the art, the egg is covered with color and designs.

Lois Winslow of Perryoplolis has been offering Pysanky classes for last eight years, after being urged to share her talents by the Rev. Robert Halus, pastor of St. Nicholas Byzantine Church.

Winslow, who has been creating lovely Pysanky for many years, began to offer her expertise.

"When I came here nine years ago, the nearest Pysanky classes where in Uniontown," Halus said, who himself had learned the art form at his previous parish of St. Michael's in Cambridge, Ohio. "I heard that she knew the art form of Pysanky and I approached her about teaching a class here."

"I have beginners and the more advanced," Winslow said of her classes. "I enjoy working with them all. This is a wonderful way of bringing some of our ethnic heritage to the community."

Winslow said interest in the egg art is growing.

"We thought that this would be fun," said Melissa Delara, who is attending classes this year for the first time with her friend, Tina Mahallick of Smock.

"It's fun and it's interesting to do," Mahallick said.

The process includes banding off eggs with rubber bands. Students concentrate on each individual section.

Using bees wax, mixed with black shoe polish for easy guidance, the wax is applied to each design with a special funnel-shaped instrument called a kistka.

Wax is then applied to areas the student wished not to be colored.

After the wax is applied, the eggs, which are raw, are dipped into a series of colors, using the lightest to the darkest in sequence.

When the coloring process is finished, the wax is removed using a candle, a small oven or a hand-held heater.

Once the wax is removed, the eggs are then shellacked with several coats of clear polish and then "blown" clean of all yolk and white.

Pysanky eggs were traditionally given as gifts of good fortune or well wishes, with each symbol possessing its a unique meaning.

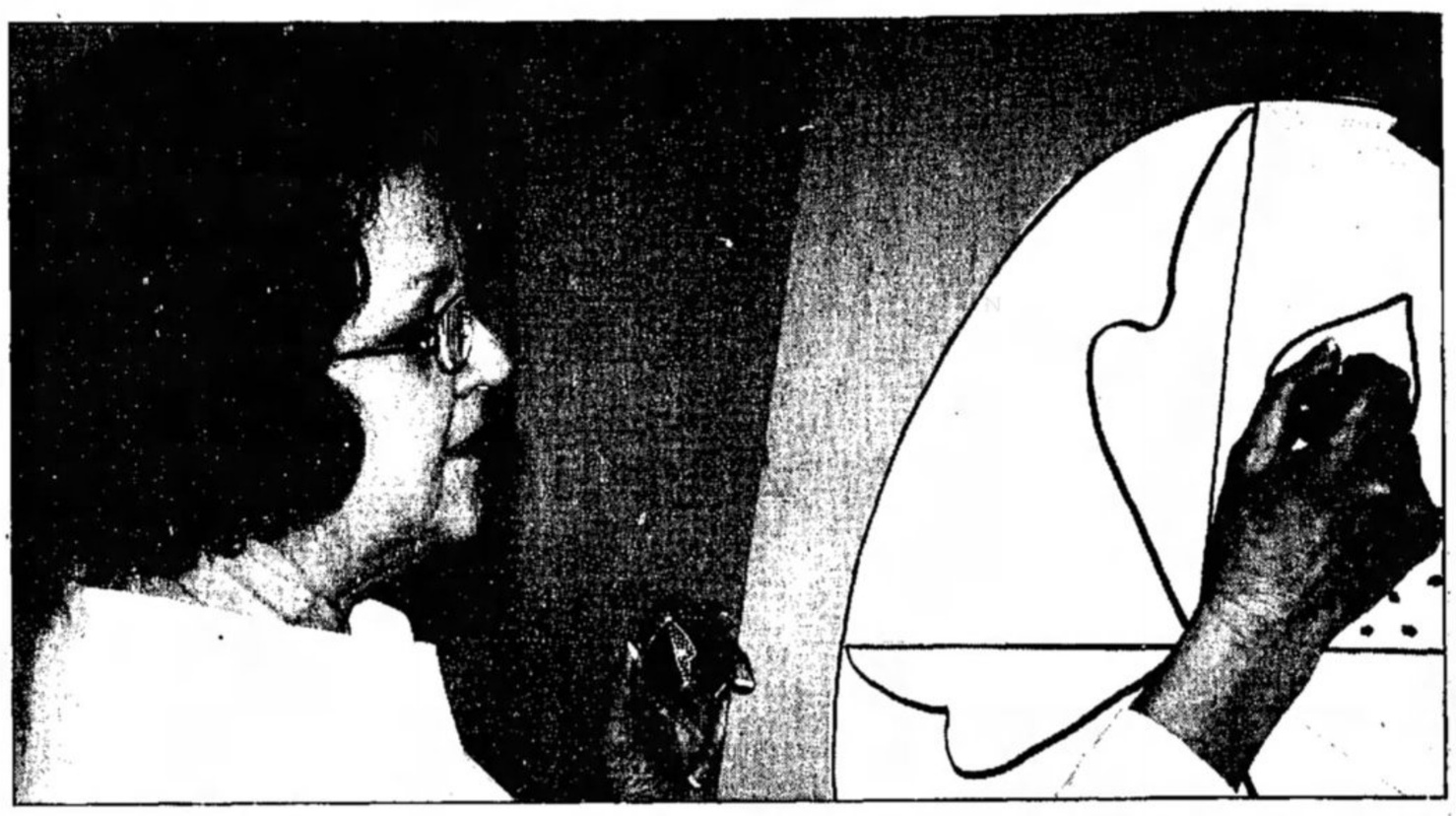
"There is a lot of symbolism with Pysanky," Winslow said. "Like the rooster. It is the symbol of fertility and a Pysanky with a rooster may have been given to a newly married young man as a gift for fertility."

Ram horns show strength. Wheat means good health. For many who create Pysanky, it is the tradition and heritage that is the draw to the unique form of egg art.

Sandy Cover, who is now in her third year at the classes, enjoys the opportunity to create part of her family heritage.

"Not only is this relaxing, but it's my father's heritage," Cover said. "He always wanted to do this himself, but for some reason he never did. He was very excited when I told him that I'd learn to do this."

Winslow will be offering the classes from 6 to 8 p.m. for the next four Tuesdays. Classes are held at St. Nicholas Byzantine Church in Perryopolis.



Above, Pysanky instructor Lois Winslow explains the pattern to her students as she holds a finished egg. At left, Connie DuBreucq is works to achieve the perfect red hue for her egg.

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Sometimes life seems tedious. Many of the things that used to make us happy may now leave us rather uninspired. If activities that usually give us pleasure now seem monotonous, we may be on what psychologists call the "hedonic treadmill." The hedonic treadmill is a fancy name for the fact that what delighted and inspired us when it was new, becomes over time, old and routine. The first bite of cheesecake is the best, but after eating it for four or five days in a row, we might even be happy to see it gone. Taking up chess or ballroom dancing may keep us excited for a few months, or even years, but eventually we may find ourselves needing something new. However, one of the reasons why certain activities, like playing chess or bridge, or learning ballroom dancing, tend to be things that people stay excited about is that there is always something new to learn. We will probably never play two chess games that are identical, and every dance is unique. So, if our world is growing wearisome, we should try something new. We can read a book about something that we wouldn't normally be interested in; take up a musical instrument, or pick up a new hobby. And perhaps, we should consider something out of the ordinary. Maybe we've always loved the sound of the bagpipes or thought about becoming part of a band. We have nothing to lose but our jaded outlook on life.

All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing nor the ear filled with hearing.

R.S.V. Ecclesiastes 1:8

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The price of progress

Joseph **WALKER**

I don't know how to tell you this, but ... well ... this may be "good-bye."

I hope not. I enjoy our time together each week, and I'd miss it if it should suddenly end. But I have this "condition," and the hard reality is, I could go down — permanently — at any time.

Well, OK — it's not me that could go down at any time. It's my computer. But it might just as well be me. Take away my word processor and I'm a cowboy without a horse, an engineer without a train, an actor without a stage, a politician without a tax.

We've talked to experts, including several teenagers. They shake their heads sadly. It's as if God — or perhaps even Bill Gates — has spoken, and there's nothing mere mortals can do.

As near as we can tell, our module KERNEL 32.DLL is damaged. Until a week ago, I didn't even know I had a module KERNEL 32.DLL. Now, I'm stressed because it's broken, and I'm going to have to take everything off my computer and re-install it, and who knows what will happen when I do that ("We who are about to reboot salute you!")? Years ago, my biggest technological challenge was torn typewriter ribbon. Replacing it was messy, but it didn't require a degree from MIT. Today, you damage a KERNEL, and your corn is cooked. So to speak.

And they call this "progress."

Don't get me wrong. I'm not a reactionary longing for "good old days" that, truth be told, were never actually all that good. But you have to admit that things were simpler then. Take deodorant, for example. When I was growing up you could use Right Guard or ... Right Guard. Mom would just buy a can for each bathroom, and the whole family was pleasantly deodorized.

Today, personal hygiene is much more complicated. I recently spent half of a Saturday afternoon trying to remember all of the options my teenage daughter wanted in the deodorant she asked me to pick up for her. It was like picking out a sports car. Roll-on or stick? Deodorant or anti-perspirant? Unscented, regular scent or baby powder fresh? When I finally made my selection, I asked the checker if I could take it out for a test drive. She thought I was kidding.

I wasn't.

But just when I'm ready to dig a hole, fill it with supplies and hide my family while the rest of the world progresses itself into oblivion, I read about Sarah. Sarah was 9 when she moved West with her pioneer family in the late 1850s. According to journal accounts, she was "bright," "cheery" and "her father's darling." For a couple of years prior to the family's move West, she suffered occasionally from something they called "thick lungs" — probably asthma.

One night a sudden storm brought instant winter to the prairie. Temperatures dropped dramatically, and snow began swirling around the encampment.

(See WALKER, Page 7B)

CHURCH/JUBILATION

Revised Catholic prayer sparking controversy

Interfaith leaders say Jewish groups may be overestimating its impact.

By RACHEL ZOLL
AP Religion Writer

Pope Benedict

NEW YORK — The Anti-Defamation League was "deeply troubled" by the prayer.

Conservative Jewish rabbis said they were "dismayed and deeply disturbed" by its language.

But some veteran interfaith leaders — Jewish and Roman Catholic — say there's no evidence that a revised Good Friday liturgy approved this month by Pope Benedict XVI is as threatening as some Jewish groups fear.

"Rather than overreact, we need to look to the future of the Jewish community and this pope," said Rabbi Gary Greenebaum, U.S. director for interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee, a leader in building Jewish ties with the Vatican.

The prayer fueling the tension is infamous among Jewish leaders, but little known by the overwhelming majority of Catholics and Jews worldwide. It had historically been used as an excuse for violence and discrimination against Jews.

The prayer is from the old Latin rite, also known as the Tridentine rite. The church had put tight restrictions on celebrating the rite following the modernizing reforms of the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s. A New Mass emerged from the council, which was celebrated mainly in local languages.

But Benedict last year relaxed the rules on the old Latin rite, partly to mend ties with traditionalists and Catholic schismatics who had objected to the council's reforms.

But the old Latin rite contains a Good Friday prayer that asks God to lift "the veil" from Jewish hearts and deliver them from "blindness" and "darkness" so they might accept Christ.

Earlier this month, Benedict answered Jewish concerns about the prayer. In a reformulation, he eliminated the most offending language, while still asking God "to enlighten their hearts" so that Jews — and all humanity — can be saved through the church.

Many Jewish leaders reacted angrily. They feared it signaled a rollback in the church's commitment to Nostra Aetate, the 1965 document that revolutionized Catholic-Jewish ties.

Philip Cunningham, a member of the U.S. bishops' Advisory Committee on Catholic-Jewish Relations, said he understands why Jews are upset. In his many talks with Jewish audiences, he is almost always asked whether the improvements in the church's relationship with Jews are temporary.

"My response is that there's a body of teaching there that's difficult to reverse," he said.

Regarding the revised Good Friday prayer, Cunningham said that "99 percent of the Catholic world" uses the New Mass, which has "no mention of Jews coming to faith in Jesus the Savior. There's not even a hint of it."

Rabbi Irwin Kula, president of CLAL-The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, a training institute and think tank based in New York, was more blunt.

"The Catholic Church, unlike some religions in the world, has come through its murderous period and is neither violent nor dangerous, so Jews should chill out," he said.

Some of the anxiety stems from the fact that Benedict is a relatively new pope.

He was elected three years ago and Jewish leaders are only at the start of their relationship with him. His predecessor, John Paul II, did more than any other pope to build Catholic-Jewish ties during his 26-year pontificate, including praying at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, Judaism's holiest site.

Benedict has made his own significant gestures. He became only the second pope, after John Paul, to enter a synagogue, visiting a Cologne, Germany, synagogue in 2005 during his first trip abroad as pontiff. He also visited Auschwitz the next year, although some Jewish leaders said they were disappointed that Benedict, a German who lived through World War II, didn't make a more explicit reference to German responsibility for the genocide.

VALLEY CHURCH BRIEFS

Mass set Thursday in Bentleyville

The Rev. William Keil will celebrate Mass 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Ave Marie Parish, Bentleyville. Prayers for healing will follow.

For details, call (724) 239-3591.

Ministerial group schedules service

A Charleroi Area Ministerial Association service will be held 7 p.m. Sunday at Mary Mother of the Church, Seventh Street and Washington Avenue.

The Rev. Jay Ragan will celebrate the message.

Recording artist due in Rostraver

A special performance by Incubator Records singer/songwriter Judy Deans will be held 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Fells United Methodist Church, Rostraver Township.

Admission to the concert is free.

For information, call (724) 379-4501.

Christ of God Ministries back

Christ of God Ministries will return to the Mon Valley with the following two events:

Champions in Christ, Feb. 29, 6:30 p.m., Donora Senior Center, 700 Meldon Avenue.

March 2, 10 a.m., The Orchard, 721 Schoonmaker Ave., Monessen.

Donora church lists Heritage Day

St. Paul Baptist Church, 49 South McKean Ave., Donora, will host its annual Heritage Day celebration in recognition of Black History Month on Sunday.

Theme is "Our Place in His Story."

A continental breakfast will be served by the youth of the church from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Sunday school for grades kindergarten through adult will be taught from 10 to 10:45 a.m.

The Rev. Dennis Garner, host pastor, will preach the morning message with the St. Paul Mass Choir rendering musical selections. Responsive reader will be Deacon Tyrone Cunningham.

Following the morning services, the church will have an ethnic food buffet with a plethora of African, West I ndian and soul food cuisine being served. Special music and an Afro centric fashion show will be enjoyed during this fellowship from 1:30 to 3 pm.

A black history wall display and other art work and literature will be displayed in fellowship hall. Desiree Exum, Wilneshia Young, David Diggs and Peri Youngblood will serve as hosts and greeters.

At 3:30 p.m. the celebration will continue with the Rev. James Williams, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Monongahela, bringing the message.

The Karemba African Dance Troupe will perform several selections. Patty Crosby will be guest soloist. She is a member of the Covenant Church of Pittsburgh. Anita Towler-Burton will perform "Reflections of Black History."

The Women of Praise of the host church will perform old Negro spirituals and The Negro National Anthem will be lead by Garner.

Darla Holmes, of Christian Life Ministries, Donora, will be emcee. She will be introduced by Cynthia Garner, of the host church.

Souvenir program booklets with art work by graphic artist Larry Jones Jr. will be distributed during the program.

Larry Jones Sr. is program chair.

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Walker (FROM PAGE SIX)

Sarah's "thick lung" condition kicked in. She complained of tightness in her chest. She began coughing violently. Her struggle to breathe became more intense and more painful until finally, just before dawn, she died.

I understood the pain I read in those pioneer journals. My 18-year-old daughter, Beth, is "bright," "cheery" and "her father's darling." She also has asthma. More than once we have experienced "thick lung" symptoms. In fact, we're experiencing a bout of it even as I write this. She's stretched out on the sofa beside me, her feet in my lap, as I type on my KERNEL-impaired laptop. She has already taken some vaporous medication on a little machine called a nebulizer, and we're waiting for the doctor to call in a prescription to our pharmacy.

But that's the thing. We have a doctor, a pharmacy, medications and a nebulizer. Sarah and her family didn't have any of those things. Some time ago when I told Beth about Sarah, she said what I was thinking. "If I had been born back then," she said with profound simplicity, "I probably would have been one of the children who died."

As far as I'm concerned, that possibility is completely unacceptable. So if the price I must pay for the progress that keeps Elizabeth healthy is an occasional creamed KERNEL or a little supermarket confusion, it's a price I'm willing to pay.

Even if this really is "good-bye."

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Bible Study/Prayer Meeting Wednesday: 7:00pm

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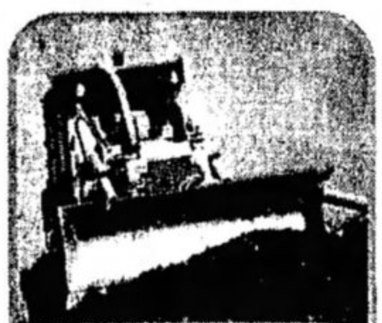

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Conn, John W.
ESTATE NOTICE

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John M. Petrisek, Esq.
998 Main Street
Bentleyville, PA 15314
Executor

William Jon McCormick, Esq.
998-C Main Street
Bentleyville, PA 15314
Attorney
2/23,3/1,8

2030/MEETING NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING
BOROUGH OF SPEERS

A Hearing on THE REQUEST TO TRANSFER the Liquor License of Boat Galley Restaurant, Inc., 735 Front Street, Fredericktown, East Bethlehem Township, PA, License Number R-10195, LID #53834 to Three Amigos Mexican Restaurante, Inc., a Pennsylvania Corporation, 119 River Avenue, Belle Vernon, Speers Borough, Washington County, PA 15022, will be held by Borough Council on March 5, 2008 at 7:15 PM at the Municipal Building, 300 Phillips Street, Speers, PA.

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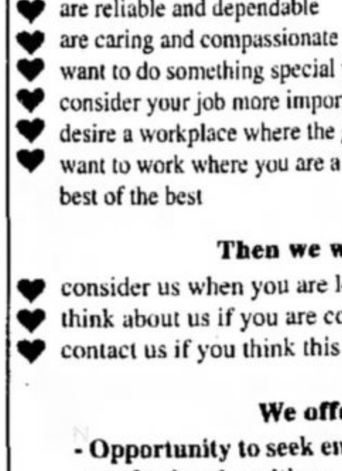

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PISCES
February 19 through March 20

SUNDAY, FEB. 24, 2008

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Because you'll show more concern for others than for your own affairs, they, in turn, without being asked, will help you work out some complications you haven't been able to resolve on your own.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Although you like having fun-loving friends, you'll be more at ease with those who display sensitivity and gentleness toward others as well. Steer as far away as you can from self-serving types.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Your objectives will be more easily accomplished with effortless ease when you use methods that are in line with your highest ideals. Avoid anything that smacks of craftiness.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Don't be surprised if you receive more than your share of attention from friends and associates alike, regardless of where you make an appearance. Your personality is loaded with pizzazz at this time.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Put your hand to a worthwhile project, because your creative touch will be evident in everything you do. Everyone will be able to distinguish your work from that of imitators.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Let tolerance and tenderness dominate and dictate your behavior at all times. By doing so, you'll easily gain the allegiance of others whose support you need. Be understanding and sensitive toward them.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- When it comes to financial matters, your industrious ways will provide additional savings or income that escapes others who are less diligent. But you'll be happy to share your bounty with them.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Your easygoing ways provide the knack to handle problems with relative ease that others find too difficult to cope with. By taking things in stride, the solutions become automatic.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Charity begins at home, so before running out to see what you can do for others, check first to see what kind of help is needed by your family. Put your loved ones on the top of your to-do list.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Once you get up and moving, your momentum will pick up considerably and you'll be a live wire with friends. However, it might first take some doing to budge you out of your easy chair.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- This might be one of those days when you won't necessarily have to do anything to reap personal gains. In reality, it is payback time for all the nice things you've done for others in the past.
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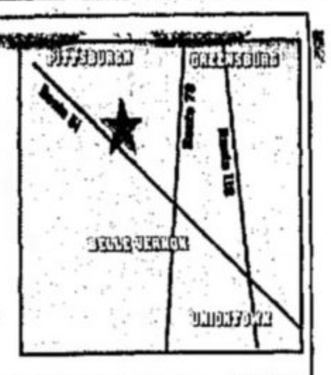

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Twins' candlelight birthday celebration gets snuffed out

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: Our granddaughter and her twin brother are turning 13.

My husband and I wanted to celebrate this milestone birthday with a candlelight spaghetti dinner at our house that includes their boyfriend/girlfriend.

We planned to get out the china and silver and eat in the formal dining room. Our daughter was on board, and the kids were excited.

Our daughter's former in-laws, however, threw a fit about the children being "too young to date."

Obviously, we'll honor our ex-son-in-law's wishes, but we're terribly disappointed, as are the kids.

Since when is dinner at home with your grandparents and your boyfriend and girlfriend considered a date?

Or are we out of touch with reality? — **CANCELED IN RED OAK, TEXAS**

DEAR CANCELED: The deal-killer may have been the "candlelight" aspect of the dinner, because in some people's minds candlelight connotes "romance."

I can't blame your ex-son-in-law and his parents for wanting to keep the twins cocooned in their concept of childhood for as long as they can, but it's a losing battle.

If memory serves me, seventh grade (12 or 13) is when boys and girls begin noticing each other — if not before.

And while they are too young to "date" at that age, I hardly consider dinner at the grandparents as dating.

Although it may not have been the custom in your son-in-law's family, age 13 or 14 is when many young people begin going to supervised parties/dances, although they do it in groups.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a lovely woman, "Bethany," for the past seven months.

I'm 30 and Bethany is 29. She's a teacher, and I work in health care.

We met online, then talked on the phone and eventually decided to meet.

Abby, I was attracted to her from the moment I saw her.

Over these past months I have bonded with Bethany's family and have fallen in love with her.

I would like nothing more than to make her my wife. I haven't asked her yet, although we have joked about it.

Two nights ago we went to dinner, and the whole time something felt "off" to me.

When we returned to Bethany's place, she informed me out of the blue that she would like to take a break from "us."

She said she feels rushed into a new relationship without having closure from her previous one, which lasted six years and was difficult.

Before I became too upset, I got up off the couch and left.

We haven't talked since, as I want to give her the "space" she has requested.

I love Bethany, and I'm afraid I am going to lose her.

How long should I go without making contact with her? — **TROUBLED IN JACKSONVILLE, N.C.**

DEAR TROUBLED: Frankly, the person to reach out should be Bethany, but give her six weeks.

If you haven't heard from her by then, when you do call, don't be surprised to hear that she and her former boyfriend have reconciled.

When a woman says there was "no closure," it usually means she still has feelings for the person.

It is also possible that she finds "difficult" relationships more exciting than ones without drama. And if that's the case, then unless you, too, are looking for pain, you'll move on. You have my sympathy.

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SATURDAY EVENING

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	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	(2) (7) News (N)/ (10) WTAJ News at 6 (N)	CBS Evening News (N)	(2) News/ (7) Entertainment Tonight/ (10) Inside Edition Weekend	(2) The Insider Celebrities. (N)/ (10) Two and a Half Men Evelyn watches Jake.	Shark "The Wrath of Khan" Casey's life is in danger when he is taken hostage because of Sebastian's case.		48 Hours Mystery "Beyond the Boardwalk" A killer lures women into a trap.		48 Hours Mystery "The McGuire Diaries" A woman stands trial for her husband's murder.		(2) (7) News (N)/ (10) WTAJ News at 11 (N)	(2) (7) CSI: Miami/ (10) Paid	(10) CSI: Miami "Invasion"	(2) CSI: Miami/ (7) Without a Trace	(10) Cold Case "Best Friends" Rush and Valens investigate a Prohibition murder.	(2) Lyons & Bailes Reel Talk (N)/ (7) Cold Case "Best Friends"	(2) Made in Hollywood: Teen Edition (N)/ (10) Without a Trace	(2) Paid/ (7) Inside Edition Weekend (N)
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) News/ (23) Paid	ABC's World News Saturday (N)	(4) Jennifer Heart disease./ (23) Jeopardy!	(23) Wheel of Fortune "Going to the Game"	★★★½ Forrest Gump (1994) JFK, LBJ, Vietnam, Watergate and other history is seen through the eyes of an Alabama man with an IQ of 75.						(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	(4) Ebert & Roeper/ (23) Law/Ord SVU	(4) Access Hollywood (N)	(23) Lyons & Bailes Reel Talk (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Girls Behaving Badly	(23) Girls Behaving Badly Sneak a peek.	Paid	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11/ (23) Paid
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight Celebrity news. (N)/ (9) One on One/ (11) Jeopardy!	(9) Cash Explosion/ (11) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	My Dad Is Better Than Your Dad		Knight Rider (2008) A former Army Ranger, an FBI agent and a young woman search for the culprits who want the crime-fighting car KITT.				News (N)	Saturday Night Live Tina Fey; Carrie Underwood. (N)			(6) (9) Star Trek/ (11) COPS	(11) NASCAR Angels	(6) Masterminds/ (9) Entertainers/ (11) Da Vinci's Inquest	(6) Masterminds "Imposters: Bad Medicine"
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) (53) Paid/ Two and a Half Men	(8) (53) Paid/ Friends "The One With the Routine"	(8) American Idol Rewind/ (53) Friends	(53) Seinfeld Jerry covers for a hostile doorman.	Cops Pursuit of a homicide suspect. (N)	Cops Suspects attempt to hide illegal drugs. (N)	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back Cops Helping Cops in New Orleans. (N)		(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10	(8) Seinfeld/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Mad TV "MAD TV's Most Wanted" A collection of fan-favorite sketches; host Susan Sarandon.	Talkshow With Spike Feresten David Koechner. (N)	(8) Chappelle's Show/ (53) Guthy-Renker.com		(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City Threesomes.	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Dancing to a Better Body/ (53) ★★ DNA (1997)	(8) Coin Show Treasures
(13) WQED	Angel Voices: Libera in Concert		Carreras, Domingo, Pavarotti in Concert Music closes the 1990 World Cup.				Gregorian Live			Celtic Woman: A New Journey Singer Hayley Westenra joins Celtic Woman for a performance at Slane Castle.			Bowfire Strings performance spans jazz, classical and Celtic styles.				Gregorian Live	
(19) WPCW	Cold Case Rush and Valens investigate a Prohibition murder.		Without a Trace "Neither Rain Nor Sleet"		Everybody-Raymond	According to Jim	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Steelers TV	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Girls Behaving Badly	Showtime at the Apollo Ray Lavender; amateurs. (N)		Girls Behaving Badly	Paid
(22) WPMY	★★ Drive (1996)		Family Guy	Family Guy	NFL Total Access (N)		Paradise Hotel 2		UFC Wired		Paid	Paid	One on One	One on One	My Wife-Kids	Paid	Soul Train Captain & Tennille.	
(40) WPCB	Something Fresh		Breakthrough	Joseph Prince	Bananas		7th St. Theater	Heritage	Van Impe Pres	Quick Study	Wisdom Keys	ATF TV	Greater Works Outreach		7th St. Theater	Extreme Life	Manna-Fest	Gospel Truth
(59) WBGN	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Dead Like Me "A Cook"		Stargate SG-1 "Bad Guys"		It's Alive!				Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	★★★ Erin Brockovich (2000)				★★★ Matchstick Men (2003)					Flip House	Flip This House "Condemned!"		★★★ Matchstick Men (2003)					Parking Wars
ABCFAM	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II: The Secret of the Ooze (1991)		★½ Godzilla (1998) A giant mutated lizard wreaks havoc in New York. Premiere.						★½ Spring Break Shark Attack (2005)						Paid	Paid
AMC	Terminator 2: Judgment Day		★★★½ The Matrix (1999) A computer hacker learns his world is a computer simulation.						Film Independent Spirit Awards (N)		★★★½ The Matrix (1999) A computer hacker learns his world is a computer simulation.							
ANPL	Animal Precinct		Animal Precinct		Dog Show "AKC/Eukanuba National Championship 2008" More than 3,000 dogs compete.						Dog Show "AKC/Eukanuba National Championship 2008" More than 3,000 dogs compete.						Animal Precinct	
BBC	Doctor Who		Doctor Who		Torchwood "Meat"		Torchwood "Adam" (N)		The Graham Norton Show		Torchwood "Meat"		Torchwood "Adam"		The Graham Norton Show		Torchwood "Meat"	
BET	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	The BET Honors				★★½ School Daze (1988)				★★★ Boycott (2001)			
BRAVO	Project Runway		Project Runway		Project Runway "Reunion"		★ Coyote Ugly (2000)				★ Coyote Ugly (2000)				Housewives	The Millionaire Matchmaker		Kathy Griffin
CMT	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Trick My Truck	★★★ Silverado (1985) The paths of four cowboys converge en route to a showdown.						CMT Music	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	CMT Music	
CNBC	Paid	Get Ripped	Deal or No Deal		The Celebrity Apprentice		The Suze Orman Show (N)		Deal or No Deal		The Celebrity Apprentice		The Suze Orman Show		Deal or No Deal		Paid	Paid
CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week		This Week at War		Presidential Debate Texas.			Cooper 360	Larry King Live Jon Stewart.		Broken Government		Presidential Debate Texas.			Cooper 360	Larry King Live Jon Stewart.	
COM	Com.-Presents	★ How High (2001)					Chris Rock: Bigger & Blacker Stand-up comedy.		Cedric the Entertainer		Richard Pryor-Ain't Dead		Katt Williams American Hustle: The Movie				Chris Rock: Never Scared	
CSPAN	Pres. Address	Commun.	America & the Courts		American Perspectives						American Perspectives						C-SPAN Weekend	
DISC	Some Assembly Required		Some Assembly Required		Some Assembly Required		MythBusters "MacGyver."		Smash Lab Insulation.		Some Assembly Required		Some Assembly Required		MythBusters "MacGyver."		Smash Lab Insulation.	
DISNEY	Han. Montana	Han. Montana	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Cory in House	★★ The Even Stevens Movie (2003)				Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	American Drgn	Buzz Lightyear	Timon-Pumbaa
E!	Will Smith: Hollywd Story		E! News Weekend		Hugh Hefner: The E! True Hollywood Story				Saturday Night Live		The Soup	Chelsea Lately	Snoop Father	Snoop Father	Saturday Night Live		The Soup	Chelsea Lately
ESPN	SportsCenter				College GameDay		College Basketball Tennessee at Memphis.				SportsCenter		Midnight	NBA Fastbreak	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPNC	College Basketball Miami-Ohio at Valparaiso.				Boxing		Boxing		Boxing		U.S. Poker Championship		U.S. Poker Championship		US Poker	Soccer: Pan Pacific Championships Final		
ESPN2	College Basketball		Countdown	NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series — Stater Bros. 300.					Fishing Bassmaster Classic, Day 2. From Greenville, S.C.		College Basketball Kent State at St. Mary's.						NHRA Drag Racing	
EWTN	Mother Angelica-Classic		Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Edge of Europe		Bookmark	Holy Rosary	Fr. John Corapi		The Journey Home		Daily Mass: Our Lady		Fr. Corapi		The Edge of Europe	
FNC	Fox News Live		Fox Report		Geraldo at Large		Special Programming		Red Eye		Jrnl Edit. Rpt	Beltway Boys	Geraldo at Large		The Line-Up		Red Eye	
FOOD	Al Roker's Diner Destinations		Top American Restaurants		Paula's Party		Paula's Party Elegant ball. (N)		Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Iron Chef America		Paula's Party Elegant ball.		Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Iron Chef America	
FSN	Panthers	Inside Big East	College Basketball Providence at West Virginia.				Women's College Basketball Villanova at West Virginia.				College Basketball		Toughest Cowboy (N)		Final Score	Final Score	Celebrity Sports Invitational	
FX	★★★½ Crash (2004)			★★ The Punisher (2004) An FBI agent seeks revenge for the murder of his family.							Dirt "The Sexxx Issue"		Dirt "Pap Smeared"		Dirt "Caught on Tape"		Build Wealth	Paid
GOLF	Post Game	LPGA Tour Golf Fields Open in Hawaii — Final Round.				PGA Tour Golf Mayakoba Classic — Third Round. From Mexico.			Golf Central			Play Lessons	Golf Central		U.S. Women's Open Highlights		LPGA Tour Golf	
GSN	Dog Eat Dog		Greed		Who Wants to Be a Millionaire		Family Feud	Family Feud	How Much	Chain Reaction	Lingo	Whammy	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire		Twenty One		Body	Beat the Clock
HALL	★★ Love's Abiding Joy (2006)		Love's Unending Legacy (2007)				Love's Unfolding Dream (2007)				Love's Enduring Promise (2004)				Love's Long Journey (2005)			
HGTV	Get It	24-Hr Design	House Worth?	House Hunters	Designed-Sell	Deserving	Color Splash	Divine Design	Design-Dime	Find Style	Color Correct.	Get It	Designed-Sell	Deserving	Color Splash	Divine Design	Design-Dime	Find Style
HIST	Absolute Evel: Evel Knievel		Modern Marvels		Hillbilly: The Real Story				History of the Joke Essential elements of a perfect joke.				Hillbilly: The Real Story				History of the Joke	
LIFE	★½ Dying to Belong (1997)		★★★ Thirteen (2003)				★★ Miss Congeniality (2000)				Grey's Anatomy		Desperate Housewives		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Paid	Guthy-Renker
MSNBC	Tim Russert		The Runaways "Jacksonville"		Children for Sale		Lockup: Raw "Hell in a Cell"		Verdict: You Decide		Children for Sale		Lockup: Raw "Hell in a Cell"		Verdict: You Decide		Tim Russert	
MTV	Jackass: 24 Hour Takeover				Jackass: 24 Hour Takeover													
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	iCarly (N)	Naked	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Full House	Full House
OXY	★★ Where the Heart Is (2000)				★★½ Overboard (1987)				★★½ Overboard (1987)				★★ Only You (1994) A bride-to-be flies to Italy to find her destined love.					Bad Girls Club
PCN	PA Public Affairs		High School Wrestling					PA Public Affairs					Pa. Books Gerald Milnes.		PA Public Affairs		Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	News		News	Here's to Life	NightTalk: Get to the Point		News		Best of Honsberger Live		News		Paid	Paid	News	Paid	Paid	News
SCIFI	Stargate	★★½ Pitch Black (2000)					Living Hell (2008) Premiere.				★½ Alone in the Dark (2005)				Living Hell (2008)			
SPIKE	Pros vs. Joes		Pros vs. Joes		Pros vs. Joes		Pros vs. Joes		Pros vs. Joes		TNA IMPACT!				★★ Road House (1989)			
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	King	King	★★½ Dumb & Dumber (1994)				★★½ Zoolander (2001)				★★★ Beetlejuice (1988)				★★½ Crocodile Dundee II	
TCM	★★★½ The Birds (1963)				★★★½ Poltergeist (1982)				★★★★ Ordinary People (1980)				★★★★ Raging Bull (1980)					Breaker
TLC	Property Ladder		My First Home		Flip House	Flip House	Trading Spaces (N)		My First Home	My First Home	Flip House	Flip House	Trading Spaces		My First Home	My First Home	My First Home	
TNT	★★★ Under Siege (1992)				★★ Four Brothers (2005)				★★ Walking Tall (2004)		★★ Torque (2004)				★★ On Deadly Ground (1994)			
TOON	Ed, Edd	Squirrel Boy	Scooby-Doo	Courage-Dog	Goosebumps	Goosebumps	Naruto (N)	Naruto (N)	One Piece (N)	Dragon Ball Z	Harvey Birdmn	Venture Bros.	Frisky Dingo	Death Note (N)	Bleach	Blood Plus (N)	Harvey Birdmn	Venture Bros.
TRAVEL	Seven Wonders		World Poker Tour				World Poker Tour From Las Vegas.				World Poker Tour				World Poker Tour From Las Vegas.			
TRUTV	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Body-Evidence	Body-Evidence	Murder by the Book		Hwood Heat	Hwood Heat	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Body-Evidence	Body-Evidence	Murder by the Book	
TVLAND	Sanford & Son	Sanford & Son	Sanford & Son	Sanford & Son	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	3's Company	3's Company	3's Company	3's Company	Extreme Makeover: Home		Just Shoot Me	Just Shoot Me	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford & Son	The Jeffersons
USA	★★★ Training Day (2001)		Monk		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		House "House vs. God"		★★ The Saint (1997)				WWE A.M. Raw	
VH1	Salt N Pepa	My Fair Brady	Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Scott Baio Is 46... Pregnant		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		The Flavor of Love		★★★ Purple Rain (1984)				Salt N Pepa		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels	
VS.	Cycling: Tour of California		WEC WrekCage		Bull Riding PBR Enterprise Tour Classic. From St. Louis.				Turkey Rev.	Tred Barta	Bull Riding PBR Enterprise Tour Classic. From St. Louis.				Cycling: Tour of California		WEC WrekCage	
WE	★★½ The Banger Sisters (2002)			★★½ French Kiss (1995)					★★½ French Kiss (1995)				★★★ The Accused (1988)					You Can Count
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	★★ Reindeer Games (2000)				WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	24 "Day 6: 1:00PM - 2:00PM"		★★★ G.I. Jane (1997)		
ENC	★★★★ Dances With Wolves (1990)				★★★★ Rain Man (1988)					★★★★ Platoon (1986)				★★★ Mad Max (1979)			Big Trouble in Little China	
HBO	★★ Firehouse Dog (2007) Premiere.				Joe Louis: America's Hero ... Betrayed (N)		Boxing Sultan Ibragimov vs. Wladimir Klitschko.						Joe Louis: America's Hero	Comedy Jam	Cathouse: Pty		★★★ The Last Boy Scout	
MAX	★★ Lethal Weapon 4 (1998)	★★★ Gladiator (2000) A fugitive general becomes a gladiator in ancient Rome.					★★★ Fracture (2007) Premiere.				Best Sex Ever	Forbidden Passions (2006)					Best Sex Ever	Fracture (2007)
SHOW	★★½ Puccini for Beginners (2006)		★★ Failure to Launch (2006)				★★ Employee of the Month (2006)				The L Word Oil wrestling.		★½ National Lampoon's Barely Legal (2005)				★★ Clerks II (2006)	
STARZ	★★½ Vacancy (2007)		★★ RV (2006) A dysfunctional family goes on vacation.				★★ Perfect Stranger (2007) Premiere.				★★ Catch and Release (2007)				★★★ The Rock (1996)			
TMC	Great-Wonder.	★★★ Mission: Impossible III (2006)					★½ See No Evil (2006) Premiere.		Masters of Horror		★½ See No Evil (2006)				Masters of Horror		★★ Meet the Applegates	

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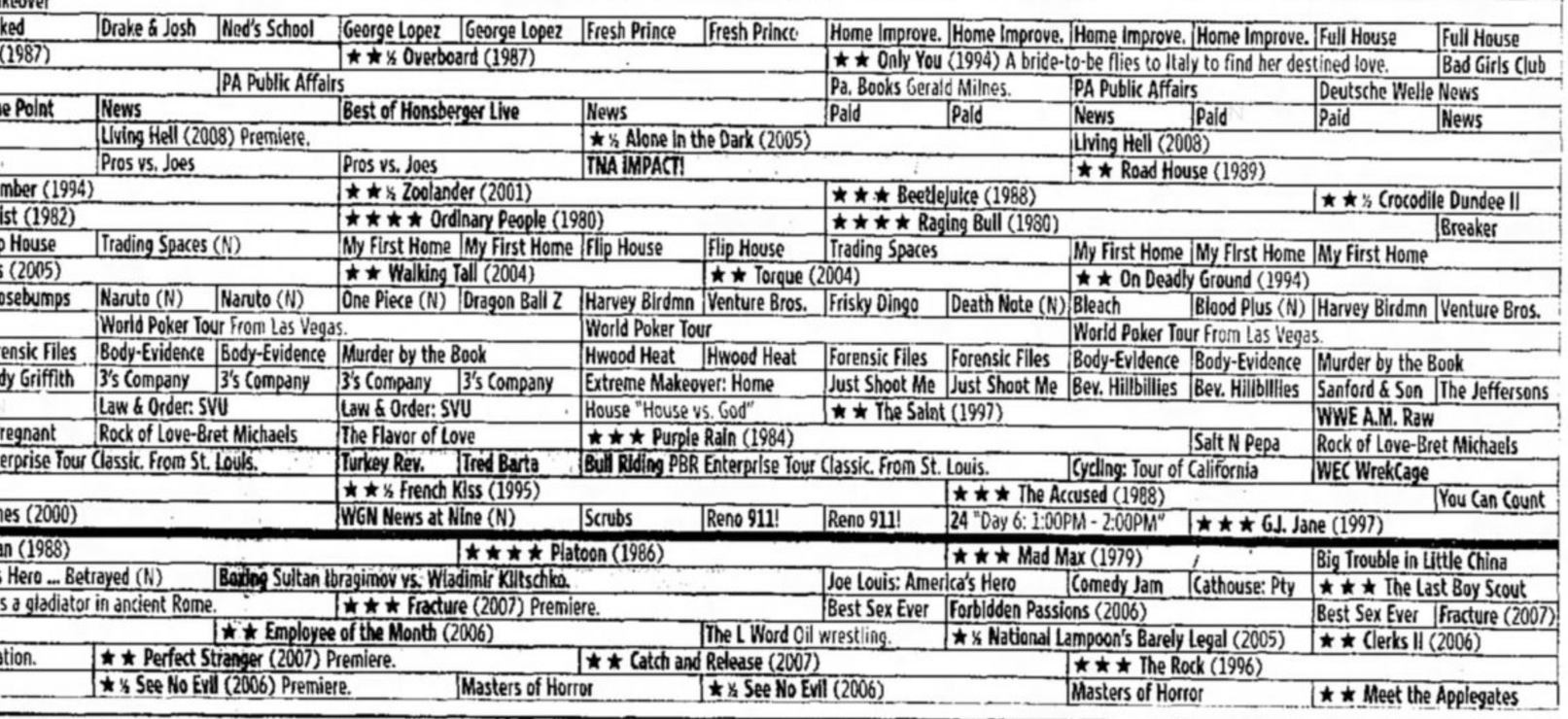

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